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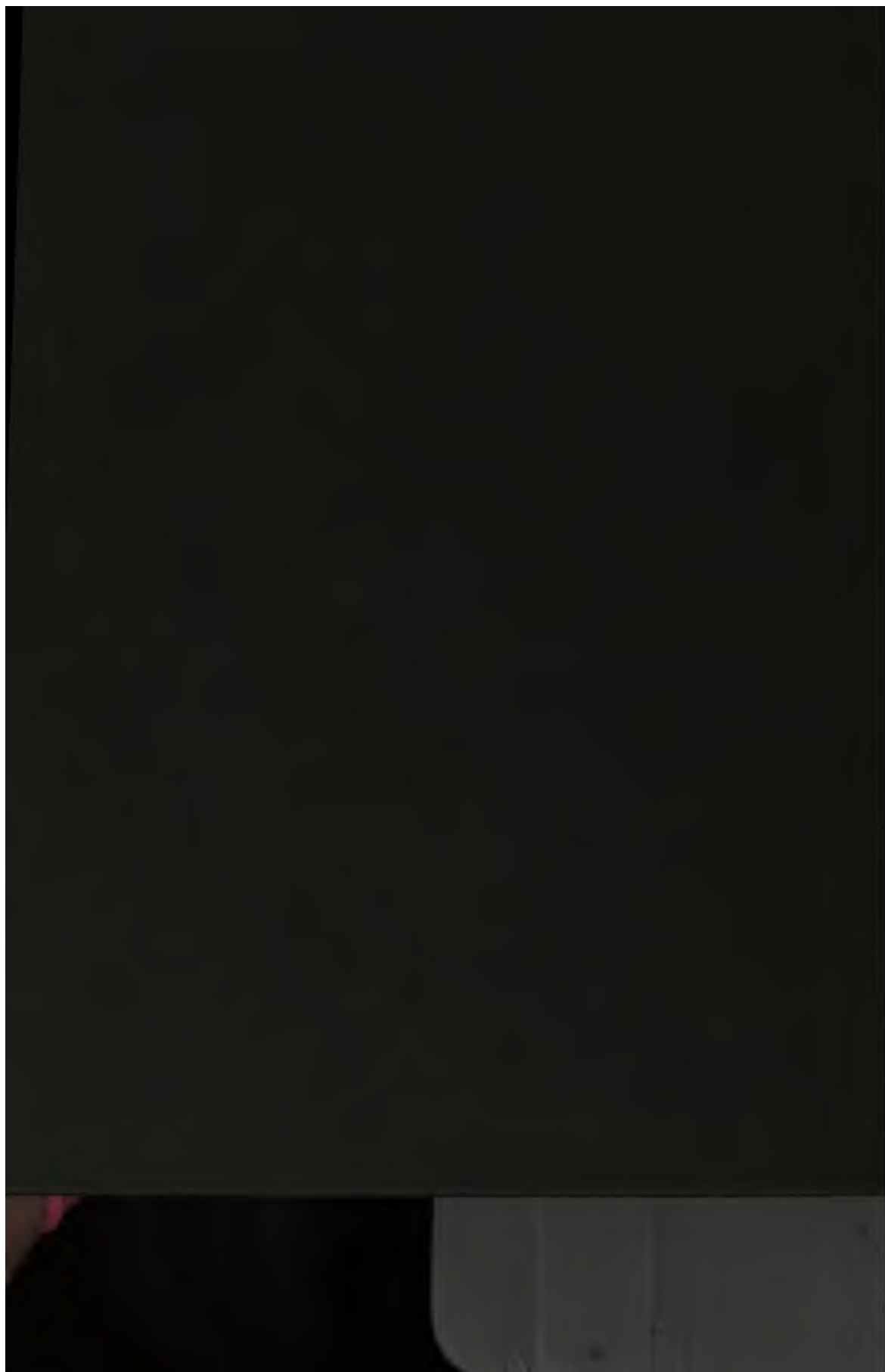
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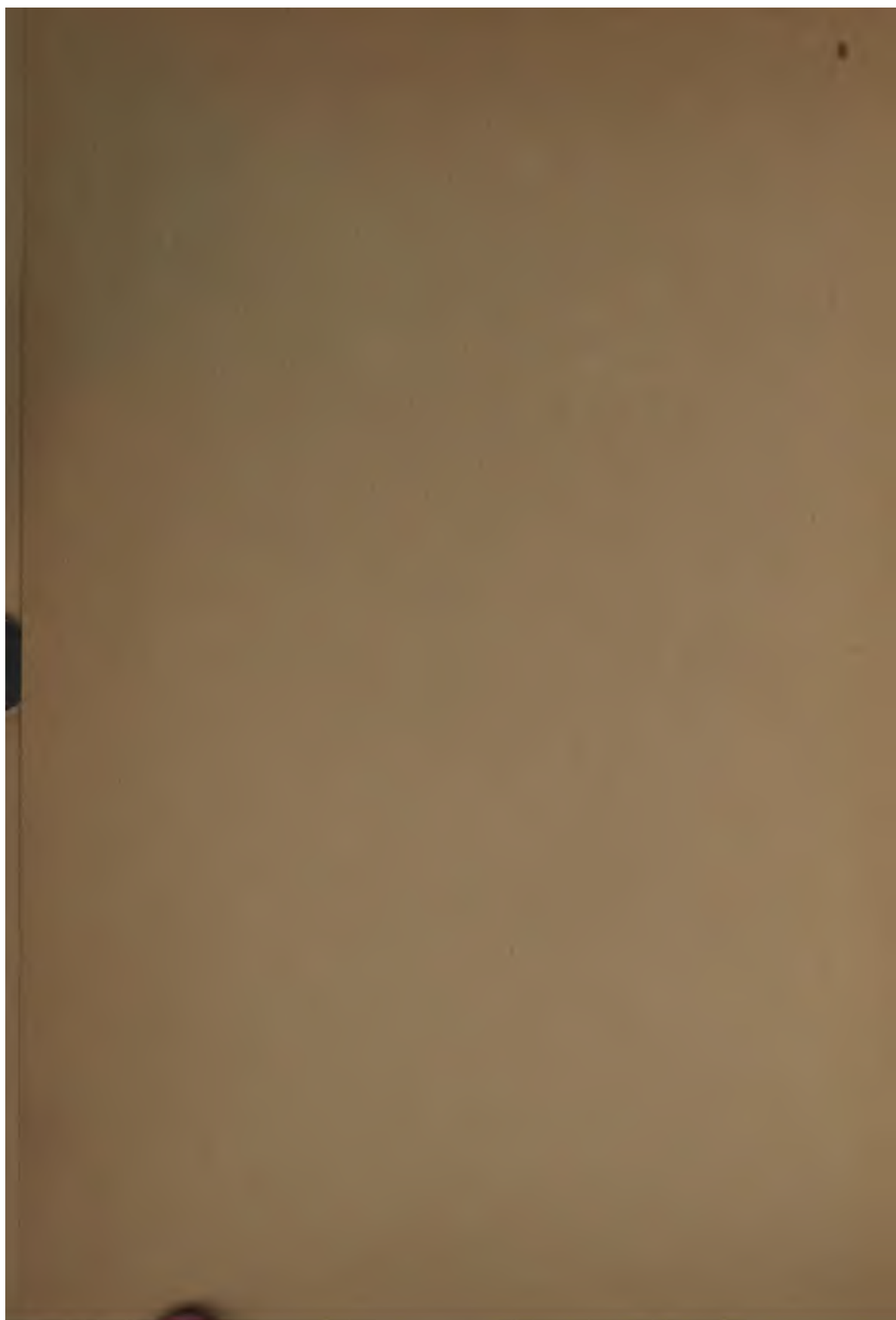
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FORESPEECH

TO THE FIRST EDITION.

ALL is not "Prayse" that is celebrated in the ensuing pages : but the prevailing character of the parts may fairly be allowed to give designation to the whole. The experience of the two years during which the editor has been engaged upon this work has prepared him for the discovery that many links in the chain of allusion to Shakespeare have been omitted. It were surely unnecessary for him to have undertaken such a work to convince himself of his liability to oversight and error. Yet as surely, if he had the conceit of regarding himself as *nothing if not critical*, and worse than nothing if not accurate, as being beyond, not indeed the possibility, but the danger, of making mistakes, there is no surer help for his malady than the attempt to execute a complete catena of extracts relating to one man, stretching through a century of obsolete or obsolescent literature. The editor never rightly estimated the difficulty of making an exact copy or a perfect collation, to say nothing of other and greater difficulties that infest this kind of work, until he had partly executed *Shakespeare's Centurie of Prayse*. At its commencement he felt confidence in his ability to make the collection nearly exhaustive : but as it received, from time to time during the process of printing, fresh accessions of material, he gradually allowed resignation to usurp the place of hope, and looked no longer for "the praise of perfection."

Should this book reach a second edition, it may, by renewed researches, be rendered very nearly complete. The editor does not

expect that much retrenchment is possible. The number of doubtful extracts included in it does not exceed half a dozen. But it is impossible to doubt that there is yet much gleaning to be done on the less frequented fields of the relative literature.

With all its defects, the *Centurie* is certainly far in advance of anything of the kind that has hitherto been attempted. Garrick's collection, the first that was made, was exceedingly meagre; and those of Drake and Malone not much more extensive. The extracts given in the last chapter of Book IX and the first of Book XI of Knight's *Shakspeare Studies* are a mere selection to serve a purpose, and are sometimes inaccurately given. The late Mr. Bolton Corney, the Rev. Alexander B. Grosart of Blackburn, and Mr. George Dawson of Birmingham, have, each at a different time, projected a *History of Opinion* on Shakespeare and his works: but all their designs were either frustrated or delayed, and were not executed. Dr. Grosart's *Contemporary Judgments of Poets*, announced four years ago, seems to have shared the same fate; but it will some day, we hope, be carried out.*

Incomplete as the ensuing collection must be, it is sufficiently extensive to afford both positive and negative evidence as to the estimation in which Shakespeare was held by the writers of the century during which his fame was germinating; viz., 1592—1693. It is, in fact, praise, and in some few cases dispraise, and not yet fame, that is shown in the subsequent testimonies. They bear witness to *subjective* opinions, preparing the way for the *objective* judgment which has seated Shakespeare on the Throne of Poets. The absence of sundry great names with which no pains of research, scrutiny, or study could connect the most trivial allusion to the bard or his works (such, *e. g.*, as Lord Brooke, Lord Bacon, Selden, Sir John Beaumont, Henry Vaughan, and Lord Clarendon) is *tacitly* significant: the iteration of the same vapid and affected compliments, couched in conventional terms, from writers of the first two periods,—comparing Shakespeare's "tongue," "pen," or "vein," to silver, honey, sugar, or nectar, while they ignore his greater and distinguishing qualities, is *expressly* significant.

* [Dr. Grosart tells me, May, 1879, that his "intended booklet on 'contemporary opinions' is still in the future." L. T. S.]

It is plain, for one thing, that the bard of our admiration was unknown to the men of that age, though it is undeniable that his supremacy in some important respects was at length recognised by Ben Jonson, and subsequently by Milton and Dryden. How could it well be otherwise? Men of genius, like them, could no more be blind to the genius of Shakespeare than could Wagner and Gounod be insensible to the orchestral excellence of Mendelssohn. Differing as the editor does from many of the conclusions of Mr. Gerald Massey, he is the more pleased to find himself at one with him here.* Assuredly no one during the "Centurie" had any suspicion that the genius of Shakespeare was unique, and that he was *sui generis*—i. e., the only exemplar of his species. Those who ranked him very high compared him to Spenser, Sidney, Chapman, Jonson, Fletcher, and even lesser lights, and most of the judges of that time assigned the first place to one of them.

We do not look for Shakespeare's name in books on poets and poetry which were issued before 1593, when his *Venus and Adonis*, "the first heir of [his] invention," was issued: so that we are not surprised at the silence of William Webbe (1586), George Puttenham (1589), Sir John Harrington (1591), Sir Philip Sidney (1595), and Lodge (1596). Shakespeare could hardly have been known to any of them. But the case is otherwise with works of the same character issued as late as 1596, the year in which was published Thomas Lodge's *Wits Miserie and the Worlds Madness*, where, among the "divine wits" named, we do not find the name of Shakespeare. Similarly in 1598 was published Edward Guilpin's

* In allusion to Spenser's *Tears of the Muses*, Mr. Massey writes thus:

"But we may safely say that no man living in 1590 . . . ever saw Shakespeare as the 'man whom Nature's self had made to mock herself, and truth to imitate.'"

And again—

"Harvey's lusty *réveille* and Ben Jonson's eulogy notwithstanding, it is quite demonstrable that Shakespeare's contemporaries had no adequate conception of what manner of man or majesty of mind were amongst them. We know him better than they did!" *The Secret Drama of Shakespeare's Sonnets, &c.* 1872. pp. 511 & 528. Nevertheless, Harvey's allusion referred to here, is to Nash and not to Shakespeare.

collection of satires called *Skialethia*: the sixth of which contains the names of Chaucer, Gower, Daniel, Markham, Drayton, and Sidney,—but not that of Shakespeare. Ben Jonson, writing some forty years later, makes the same remarkable omission in one part of his *Discoveries (Præcipiendi modi)*; he remarks that “as it is fit to read the best authors to youth first, so let them be of the openest and clearest” (ed. 1630, p. 160); and he distinguishes how Sidney, Donne, Gower, Chaucer, and Spenser should be read,—but does not mention Shakespeare. Nash seems to have divided the palm between Spenser and Peele; but he wrote a little too early for Shakespeare. Richard Carew assigns the first place to Sidney, in which judgment he was, perhaps, influenced by their early friendship at Oxford. Davison and a host of others set an extravagant value on Daniel. The elder Basse, Taylor (the ferryman), and Edward Phillips seem to put Spenser and Shakespeare on an equality. Spenser himself, Webster, and Camden, after enumerating various contemporary poets, apologetically give the last place to Shakespeare, the two former employing the proverbial phrase “last not least,” or an equivalent. It would be hard to find any grudge or unfairness towards him in all this dealing: on the contrary, if by many he was ignored, he was ignored with other poets of good repute, and assuredly by many he was considered as a formidable rival to Spenser and Sidney in one branch of the art, and to Lilly, Peele, Chapman, and Jonson in another. Such praise was indeed most inadequate; but it would reverse the order of nature if a poet were to attain to fame *per saltum*, to be recognised for what he is, and appreciated at his true value, before such lapse of time as is sufficient for the formation of a ripe and objective school of criticism. If, as Mr. Charles Knight concludes, “he was *always* in the heart of the people” (*Shakspeare Studies*, 1851, p. 504), that fact speaks more for Shakespeare as a showman than for Shakespeare as a man of genius. Doubtless he knew his men; but assuredly his men did not know him. The drift of his plays was in a manner intelligible, or they would not have been entertaining, to the penny-knaves who pestered the Globe and Blackfriars Theatres. But his profound reach of thought and his unrivalled knowledge of human nature were as far beyond the vulgar ken, as were the

higher graces of his poetry. It is to men of sensibility and education that Shakespeare appeals as a man of genius ; and it is to the literate class we must look for the impress of that genius.

Amidst the discordant voices of praise and of blame, the echoes of antiquated compliment mingled with the pedantic censure * and fanatic eulogy of later times, it has been difficult to bring sobriety of judgment and purity of taste to bear on Shakespeare's writings. We are at length slowly rounding to a just estimate of his works ; and the time seems to be at hand when men of culture will attribute to the object of their admiration a much higher range of powers than were requisite for the production of the most popular and successful dramas in the world.

A few words in conclusion on the notices which constitute this catena. Of course it begins with the earliest known allusions to Shakespeare, viz., those in 1592. In strictness it should end before the publication of the first systematic critique on Shakespeare : for the inclusion of all such would be to reprint a library. Now "Dryden," as Samuel Johnson says (*Life of Dryden*, prefixed to *Works*, ed. 1811, vol. i. p. lix.), "may be properly considered as the father of English Criticism, as the writer who first taught us to determine upon principles the merit of composition : " and Dryden's only systematic essay on Shakespeare is the Preface to his own *Troilus and Cressida*, printed in 1679. But having given so many of Dryden's remarks on Shakespeare, the editor thought he was justified in reprinting, in an abridged form, that remarkable essay, which in the quarto of 1679 occupies fifteen pages. He has so far, then, departed from his prospectus, and included in his collection a formal and lengthy criticism. That being so, Dryden's essay will serve to make his position the clearer : to exhibit an exceptional sample of the work he professes to exclude, and thus to bring home to every reader the necessity of the rule which excludes works of that class. After Dryden, the first formal critics are Rymer and Dennis. The work of Rymer which Dryden refers to in the Preface to *Troilus and Cressida* is that from which we have given the only extracts referring to Shakespeare, viz., *The Tragedies of*

* I here used 'censure' purposely to draw the word back to its catholic use, as on p. 129.

the last Age considered and examined by the Practice of the Ancients, 1678. His *Short View of Tragedy*, 1693,* and *The Impartial Critick* of Dennis, 1693, and all subsequent publications are excluded. Yet through the editor's decision to admit every work of Dryden's which deals with or alludes to Shakespeare, this catena extends into the year 1693; for the *Epistle to Sir Godfrey Kneller* was written in that year: and thus he is enabled to include the important letter of John Dowdall to the Rev. Edward Southwell. This pre-critical century naturally divides itself into four periods: the *first* extending from the earliest allusion to Shakespeare till his death in 1616: the *second* from his death to the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642: the *third* from the closing of the theatres to the Restoration: and the *fourth* extends from the return of the Merry Monarch to the rise of criticism. After this Shakespeare's fame as a classic really began. We are commencing with that century when rumour had hardly begun her work, and when his poems were read, and his plays seen, as matters which belonged to the age, and not as "works" for all time.

The editor has excluded from the catena all documentary notices of Shakespeare; for, besides being foreign to its scope, they are sufficiently numerous and extensive to form a considerable volume by themselves.†

In garnering so large a harvest he has received kind and efficient help from many friends. He has usually gone to the fountain-head for the extract employed: but when occasional impediments—as distance, pre-occupation, or sickness—hindered him in this, he relied on the copy or collation of a friend. For such work he is chiefly

* [I have added two short extracts from Rymer's "Short View" in a note, to explain the design of his books, and the reference to them by Motteux. L. T. S.]

† Perhaps the most curious of these is one of the answers of Shakespeare's granddaughter, the widow of Thomas Nash, to a suit preferred by Edward Nash (*Chancery Proceedings*, N. N., 17, No. 65); where we read that New Place was "the Inheritance of William Shakespear the Defend^ts Grandfather whoe was seized thereof in Fee simple long before the Defend^ts marriage wth the said Thomas Nashe." This answer is dated April 17, 24 Caroli. As James died March 26, 1625, the 24th year of Charles *would have ended* on March 27, 1649; but it *actually* ended on January 30, 1649, by the king's decapitation; so that the date of the answer is April 17, 1648. (Quoted in the Appendix to Staunton's *Life of Shakespeare*, Works, vol. i. p. lv.)

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

DR. INGLEBY having generously offered to present a new impression of his book to the New Shakspeare Society, provided the Committee found an editor to do the work of revision, I was asked to undertake it, under the supposition that verification of the quotations and the insertion of some new extracts would be a simple matter and fulfil the needs of a new edition. But as I went on I found that very much more than this was required; a critical knowledge of nice points, the weighing of evidence for and against different dates, a considerable knowledge of bibliography, an intimacy with the present state of Shakesperian criticism, and beyond all a wide acquaintance with Elizabethan literature to which I could lay no pretensions, were the needful qualifications for such a task. I can therefore but ask my fellow-members of the New Shakspeare Society to be lenient if in my fulfilment of the work they find some errors or omissions, unavoidable with the utmost care in a work of this character.

Dr. Ingleby, in placing the work unreservedly in my hands, gave me a large number of new extracts and notes that he had collected; references, indications, or extracts have been sent in by several correspondents and friends; many are supplied from my own reading. The number of quotations in text and notes is thus increased from about 228 to 356, and the works referred to in the Appendices have grown from 25 to 41. In every case I have carefully tested the date, going back to the earliest editions (except in one or two instances where these were not accessible); where the date at the

head of the extract differs from that of the edition, the reason is usually given in the note : the date of each manuscript quoted has also passed under examination. Every extract and reference in text, note, or appendix has been collated by myself twice with the original, except with regard to about twenty books at Oxford, which I had not the opportunity of examining more than once, and about a dozen more which Mr. George Parker of the Bodleian has been good enough to collate. The full references given will enable the student to refer to the originals for himself.

Having thus got as near to the actual penning by each author as possible, the extracts are arranged in chronological order ; what may be lost by not grouping those from one writer together (which easily may be recovered by referring to the pages under each name in the Index) may be compensated by the consecutive view of these indications of opinion thus gained. In about twenty-five instances it is somewhat doubtful whether there is an allusion to Shakespere or to any of his works intended, and, following the suggestion of Mr. Furnivall, an asterisk of warning is affixed to each ; these, however, form but a small proportion of the whole ; three of them have been rescued from "mistaken" allusions (see Appendix D) ; four remain doubtful out of the half-dozen which were considered so in the first edition (those on pp. 1, 7, 13, 98), and the rest have been inserted as affording various points of interest.

As the plan of this book is that it should contain all notices of Shakespere or his works, direct or implied, to be found in print or in manuscript within the hundred years from 1592 to 1693, it will be seen that the extracts illustrate, besides the chronological order of the literary and public estimate of Shakespere's merits, the following groups of facts ;—

1. References to Shakespere personally.
2. Direct mention of his plays or poems.
3. Quotation of a well-known line or character.
4. The imitation or appropriation of phrases, lines, and passages.
5. Record of times and places where his plays were seen or acted.

The first three of these groups speak for themselves ; they are all of them "Allusions." Under the first we have, besides those

about which there can be no mistake,* the consideration of several of early date which do not mention Shakespere by name, but which are of the highest interest, if they can be shown to refer to him. The Third Letter of Gabriel Harvey is now considered by Mr. R. Simpson and Dr. Ingleby to allude to Nash and not to Shakespere, it is therefore relegated to the Appendix of "mistaken allusions" in this edition. Both of the supposed allusions by Edmund Spenser have been carefully re-examined, and the true identification of that in the "Tears of the Muses" appears to be settled by the most recent investigation.

The fourth class of extracts belongs really to the subject of the Influence of Shakespere on the literature of the century. Dr. Ingleby gave indications of several writers who exhibit this in a minor degree in an Appendix to the first edition, to which a good many more instances of the same kind are now added. But, inasmuch as public approval must be shown by that admiration of phrases and expressions which adopts or imitates, as indeed in one sense such appropriation may be said to be the highest praise, it appeared well to include in the text the more prominent of the examples that have come under my notice. In a few cases Shakespere and his imitator are placed side by side, to show the closeness of the parallel, or as we should now say plagiarism. Such passages are not indeed "Allusions," but they are an important part of the Materials for a history of opinion on the Poet. The field in this department is probably not nearly exhausted, I cannot hope to have given all the imitations that the century produced.

The writings which record for us either by official accounts,

* In 1870 Mr. Spedding edited for the Duke of Northumberland a manuscript of Lord Bacon's *Conference of Pleasure*, on the front leaf of which is written a list of several titles, among them *Richard the second* and *Richard the third*. It is inferred that these are meant for the titles of Shakespere's plays because the word "Shakespeare" is found eight or nine times among the scribblings of an idle pen which cover the rest of the page. A fac simile of this leaf is given in the book. The date of the manuscript leaf has been cautiously expressed by Mr. Spedding as between 1596 and 1780! The hand-writing seems to declare that it is near the beginning of that period, and if, says Mr. Spedding, it was not later than the reign of Elizabeth, "it is probably one of the earliest evidences of the growth of Shakespere's personal fame as a dramatic writer" (p. xxiii). Though the uncertainty renders this testimony insignificant, it is worth a mention here.

private letters, or gossiping diarists the actual performance of Shakespeare's plays are not the least interesting and valuable. The pity is they are so few! But we get Simon Forman's help to the date of the *Winter's Tale*; the testimony of Merrick, Phillipps, and Lambard to the acting of *Richard II* for the Essex conspirators of 1601; and the performances at Court in the second Period as shown by Lord Stanhope and Sir Henry Herbert. The great popularity of many of the plays, altered or unaltered, in the Restoration Period appears from theatre-loving Pepys and St. Evremond, while a curious fact regarding *Macbeth* and its "improvement" has come to light through the country report of Thomas Isham. In connection too with this group are the interesting glimpses which we get of the stage practice of the early actors of *Hamlet* in the *Elegy on Burbage** and in John Raynold's *Primerose*; and the notices of the burning of the Globe theatre in 1613 during the performance of *Henry VIII*, given by Thomas Lorkins and the Sonnet on the pittifull burning, &c. (See Appendix D.)

To make the general view of the references to plays and poems during the century apparent at a glance, a second Index is added, of Shakespeare's writings cited or alluded to in the extracts, distinguishing between those referred to before the closing of the theatres in 1642, and those after that date. With this should also be taken the results obtained from *England's Parnassus*, 1600, and Poole's *English Parnassus*, 1657 (pp. 430 — 439), the former of which especially shows the great appreciation of *Venus and Adonis* and *Lucrece*.

On the whole an extended knowledge of the sentiments of our fore-fathers, both in the Jacobean and the Restoration periods, shows that they had a keener appreciation of the merits of the great Master's works, and a more ready wit for their reception, than we in these days are inclined to give them credit for. Emerson's careless assertion that there is a "unique fact in literary history, the unsurprised reception of Shakespeare; the reception proved by his making

* Since the passing of the text through the press, Mr. Furnivall informs me that there are several MSS. of the *Elegy* known to exist in the collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps at Cheltenham, and at Warwick Castle. I am unable, however, to give any information as to which version they belong.

his fortune, and the apathy proved by the absence of all contemporary panegyric" (*English Traits, Essay on Literature*), is not borne out by the real facts; abundant examples of contemporary notice and praise prove that the reverse of apathy was the truth. "It is absurd," says Chas. Bathurst, speaking of a later time (*Shakespeare's Versification*, 1857, p. 153), "to suppose that people did not feel Shakespeare, because they did not talk perpetually, as we do, and write dissertations." When we consider the bare state of the early stage and the absence of scenic effect and accessories, the fact that Shakespere died a rich man is itself a testimony to the immense popularity of his dramas in a play-going age, which trusted to the imagination excited by the language delivered, and the gesture of the actors. That Hamlet, Richard III, Falstaff, and Justice Silence rapidly attained a personality among the people is amply shown by the allusions; and the delight taken in *Romeo and Juliet*, *Venus and Adonis*, and *Lucrece*, to mention no others, is shown in the references, very many in number, which occur before 1642, as well as by the indication of *England's Parnassus*. That he never died out of regard, but lived on in spite of the Puritan suppression, appears not merely from the attempts at Drolleries taken from his plays shown us by Kirkman and Cox, but from the evidence of such as Thomas Fuller, Cleveland, and Sir Richard Baker, the unwilling voice of Prynne, and even the plagiarist who wrote *Vindex Anglicus*. After the Restoration his fame, carried on by Davenant and Betterton, continued and increased; it was modified, a different class of faculties was appealed to, but Shakespere was present and recognised through all changes, till the growth of criticism came in to vindicate his higher claims.*

* Shakespere service, if not worship, is now acknowledged over the world, witness the publication of Shakesperean and Elizabethan works in Russia, a Shakespere Society in Moscow, the recent translations of Shakespere into Portuguese, Chinese, Bengalee, &c. &c. It may be interesting to note that this volume contains the earliest notices known at present of Shakespere from the pens of our German and French brethren. Wurmsser, the Secretary of the Prince of Wurtemberg, records a visit to the *Globe* to see *Othello* in 1610; Morhoff's reference to Shakespere's name in 1682 (p. 342) does not fore-cast the great adoption of the poet by his countrymen; though the indications of knowledge of some of Shakespere's plays abroad early in the century seem to show that the Germans were not slow to appreciate him. The notices from St. Evremoud and Motteux are those of Frenchmen resident in this country.

This volume may be of use in a double sense ; besides its original purpose it will supply a collection of trustworthy copies of many passages which give important data in fixing the chronology of the plays. I would also call attention to the cautionary value of the Appendix A ; having not only fallen into a pit-fall myself, but having seen scholars whose learning and judgment might have ensured them against a false reference do the same, some pains have been taken with these instances that the canons of criticism have rejected. Not the least of the difficulties I have found, which must be well known to Shakespere scholars, is the distinguishing between a genuine and a supposed imitation ; the enthusiast or the unwary setting down as taken from Shakespere, a verse, a phrase, or an idea, which on further knowledge may prove to be a proverb quoted by Shakespere himself, a current expression of the Elizabethan day common to all, or an idea which formed part of the contemporary philosophy or stock of knowledge. Examples of the proverb may be found on p. 423, of current phrases on pp. 82, 155, of a common idea on pp. 54, 423, and 428.

In Appendix C will be found a description of a manuscript of some interest, though not of great importance to Shakesperean studies, which seemed to fall into a useful place in this volume. The last Appendix, D, is occupied by a few extracts which came in too late for insertion in their places in the text. The whole will be found embodied in the General Index. This is perhaps the place to make two supplementary notes, one on the rare book called *Ratsey's Ghost* (p. 67). I searched for the First Part of this tract in vain ; for a sight of the second, I am indebted to the Rev. F. Ponsonby, late Hon. Librarian of Lord Spencer's Library at Althorpe. The following entries on the Stationers' Register, 2 May 1605, "A booke called *the lyfe and death of GAMALIEL RATSEY a famous theefe of Englande executed at Bedford 27 marcij 1605,*" and 31 May 1605, "A booke called *Ratsey's ghoste or the Second parte of [his] lif with the reste of his mad Pranckes,*" &c., show, however, that there was a first part published. Secondly, Dr. Ingleby writes that the suggested emendation of Marston on p. 77, which is due to Dr. Nicholson, was partly anticipated by C. W. Dilke in his "Cld English Plays" (vol. ii. p. 222), who prints the line, however, without any note to show that it is altered.

For the spelling of Shakespere's name throughout this volume Dr. Ingleby is in no way responsible. I should have hardly thought it necessary to say this, but having unintentionally erred against Dr. Ingleby's wish (which I did not know till the work was too far advanced to make a change), that his use of *Shakespeare* should be continued in this edition, it may be clearly understood that the error, if any, of using the form *Shakespere* is my own. It is needless here to enter into the controversy as to the right spelling, the evidence afforded by the only manuscript signatures that are at present known being uncertain, and variously read by the best experts.

I have carefully preserved the spellings (including of course the various forms of Shakespere), punctuation, italics, however absurd, and capital letters of the originals in all quotations, with two exceptions to be noted immediately. It was the practice of the 17th century to print proper names in italic (or in a type equivalent to this), which was so consistently adhered to that it becomes a fact of value in conjectures such as that concerning Wapping and Whipping on p. 294, but that the italicizing all sorts of words irrespective of emphasis or sense was apparently felt to be meaningless, is shown, for example, by the lines by Mayne and West (pp. 212, 214), printed in 1638, which were reprinted in the 1687 edition of Cleveland's Works (and falsely attributed to that author), innocent of such italics. The only exceptions to a strict reproduction of originals is, in deference to the wish of Dr. Ingleby, the printing of *u* and *v*, *i* and *j*, according to modern usage throughout; and the capital initials to trivial words (adjectives, adverbs, &c.), which are sown broad-cast throughout many of the prints of the last part of the 17th century, are omitted in the extract from Margaret Cavendish (p. 332), and in one or two of those from Dryden. For the rest, no pains have been spared to attain accuracy, though in a work in which the *minutia* are almost endless, there are sure to be a few errors to mar perfection.

My initials are affixed to all fresh notes and passages inserted; but it was not necessary thus to distinguish (because it was impossible) all small alterations or corrections. For the facts of this volume I am responsible, the arrangement into periods and the notes unsigned are Dr. Ingleby's. The initials or names of several

friends who have kindly supplied me with notes or criticisms on points on which they had special knowledge are given at the end of those notes. To these gentlemen my best thanks are due, and especially to Dr. Brinsley Nicholson, who has read through the whole of the proof-sheets, and to whose kind encouragement I am greatly indebted. Of Dr. Ingleby's support and courtesy I cannot speak too highly, all the more that I have been compelled to arrive at several conclusions entirely different from his. My warmest thanks belong to Miss Maria Latreille, a lady whose unwearied patience and knowledge of books have been of the greatest assistance, freely given, in tracking out many a rare edition, and in hunting up many a difficult passage. Besides the obligations which are referred to as they occur in their places, I beg to offer my acknowledgments to many valued friends and correspondents: to Professor Dowden, Dr. Nicholson, Mr. C. Elliot Browne, Dr. G. Kingsley, Mr. H. Littledale, and Professor Paul Meyer, for the loan or gift of books, as well as for suggestions and for information; to Mr. P. A. Daniel and Rev. J. W. Ebsworth for much kind help; to Mr. Halliwell-Phillips, Dr. Grosart, Mr. Aldis Wright, Mr. W. G. Stone, Mr. Spedding, Mr. W. Chappell, Mr. Furnivall, Rev. H. P. Stokes, Dr. J. Jusserand, and others, for various references, extracts, or obliging answers to inquiry. It is a pleasant duty to acknowledge the consideration and sympathy evoked by efforts made for the name of him whose works have made "the whole world kin."

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* EDMUND SPENSER, 1591—1594.

And there, though laſt not leaſt is *Action*,
A gentler ſhepherd may no where be found :
Whoſe Muſe, full of high thoughts invention,
Doth like himſelfe Heroically found.

Colin Clouts come home againe. 1595. *ſign. C 2.* [4to.]
(See *New Shakspeare Society, Alluſion-Books, I. pp. xxiv, 168.*)

That Spenser's stanza on *Action* really refers to Shakespeare is established by the fact that no other heroic poet (*i. e.* historical dramatist, or chronicler in heroic verse) had a surname of heroic sound. Jonson, Fuller, and Bancroft have similar allusions to our bard's warlike name. Mr. J. O. Halliwell-Phillipps remarks that "the lines seem to apply with equal propriety to Warner": (*Life of Shakespeare* : 1848 : p. 142.) But Warner is not an heroic but a premonitory name.

Malone's two attempts (Ed. 1821, vol. ii, p. 274) to explain the meaning of *Action* are equally unfortunate. He seems not to have known that *Ἄετιον* was a Greek proper name, borne, in fact, by the father of Cypselus of Corinth, and by two famous artists. It should be written *Ætíon*, and pronounced (like *Tiresias* in Milton) with accents on the first and last syllables. Its root is surely *ἀετός*, an eagle ; and it is, therefore, appropriate to one of "high thoughts" and heroic invention.

Three verses in *Colin Clout's come home againe*, viz. those on Amyntas (who is Ferdinando Earl of Derby), must have been written after April 16, 1594, when Lord Derby (formerly Lord Strange) died. Todd and others have inferred from this that the poem, which was first printed in 1595, was really written in the preceding year : and that in the date, 27 December, 1591, appended to the dedication, 1591 is a press-error for 1594. We adopted this view ; but we are now convinced that Spenser had finished the first draft of his poem in December, 1591, and subsequently amplified it. Some have seen a discrepancy between the date appended to that dedication, and that appended to the dedication of *Daphnida*, January 1, 1591 : but if, as Mr. Hales believes, the latter work be alluded to in the former, January and December, 1591, must be the Gregorian or historical dates, the year beginning with the former and ending with the latter month. This supposition of the use of dates, unusual at that time, is supported by Spenser's division of the year in his *Shepherd's Calender*.

[I have placed the date above doubtfully, because the stanza quoted may have been one of the amplifications. —L. T. S.]

ROBERT GREENE, 1592.

Base minded men al three of you, if by my miserie ye be not warned : for unto none of you (like me) fought those burres to cleave : those Puppits (I meane) that speake from our mouths, those Anticks garnisht in our colours. Is it not strange that I, to whom they al have beene beholding : is it not like that you, to whome they all have beene beholding, shall (were ye in that case that I am now) be both at once of them forsaken ? Yes, trust them not : for there is an upstart Crow, beautified with our feathers, that with his *Tygers heart wrapt in a Players hide*, supposes he is as well able to bumbaft out a blanke verse as the best of you : and being an absolute *Johannes fac totum*, is in his owne conceit the onely Shake-scene in a countrie. O that I might intreate your rare wits to be employed in more profitable courses : & let these Apes-imitate your past excellence, and never more acquaint them with your admired inventions. I know the best husband of you all will never prove an usurer and the kindest of them all wil never proove a kinde nurse : yet, whilst you may, seeke you better Maisters ; for it is pittie men of such rare wits, should be subiect to the pleasures of such rude groomes.

In this I might infert two more, that both have writ against these buckram Gentlemen ; but let their owne works serve to witnesse against their owne wickednesse, if they persever to maintaine any more such peasants. For other new commers, I leave them to the mercie of these painted monsters, who (I doubt not) will drive the best minded to despise them ; for the rest it skils not though they make a jeaft at them.

Green's Groats-worth of Wit ; bought with a Million of Repentaunce. 1596. Reprinted from Mr. Huth's copy by New Shakspeare Society, Allusion-Books, I. p. 30. (See also Introduction to that vol., p. ii.)

The three "base-minded men" whom Greene thus addresses on his death-bed have been identified as Marlowe, Nash, and Peele. That Shakespeare was the "upstart crow," and one of the purloiners of Greene's plumes, is put beyond a doubt by the following considerations: (1) That there was no such a word as *Shake-scene* (i.e. a tragedian: cf. Ben Jonson's lines,

"to heare thy Buskin tread,
And shake a Stage",

and also a passage in *The Puritaine* (1607, sign. Fi) where Pye-boord says, "Have you never seene a stalking-stamping Player, that will raise a tempest with his tounge, and *thunder* with his heeles"). (2) That the line in italics is a parody on one which is found in *The True Tragedie of Richard Duke of Yorke*, 1595, and also in Shakespeare's *Henry VI*, Part III, Act I, sc. 4, viz.:

"Oh Tygers hart wrapt in a womans hide."

(3) That Marlowe and Robert Greene were (probably) the joint authors of *The two Parts of the Contention* and of *The True Tragedie*, which furnish Parts II & III of *Henry VI* with their *prima stamina*, and a considerable number of their lines.

Shakespeare, as the "upstart crow," seems to be one of those alluded to by "R. B. Gent." in *Greene's Funerals*, 1594 (Sonnet ix, sign. C), where he writes:

"Greene, is the pleasing Object of an eie :
Greene, pleasde the eies of all that lookt upon him.
Greene, is the ground of everie Painters die :
Greene, gave the ground, to all that wrote upon him.
Nay more the men, that so Eclipt his fame :
Purloynde his Plumes, can they deny the same ?"

The strange terms huddled upon the players by poor Greene are paralleled by what we find in other works of the time: *e. g.*,

"Out on these puppets, painted images," &c.

The Scourge of Villanie, by J. Marston, Sat. VII.

"'Good manners,' as Seneca complaines, 'are extinct with wantonnesse, in tricking up themselves men goe beyond women, men weare harlots colours and doe not walke, but jet and daunce,' hic mulier, hoc vir, more like Players, Butterflies, Baboones, Apes, Antickes, then men."—Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy*, 1621. [4to.] Part 3, sec. 2, memb. 2, subs. 3, page 571. (Ed. 1676, p. 295.)

As to the extract from *The Groat's-worth of Wit*, knowing no edition earlier than that of 1596, we have followed the text of that. A copy is in the library of Mr. Henry Huth. Greene died in Sept. 1592, and as Chettle's *Kind Hart's Dreame*, which alludes to this book, was registered in December 1592, *The Groat's-worth of Wit* must have been printed before that date. (See next extract.) The British Museum Library has copies of the editions of 1617, 1621, and 1637. The two copies in the Bodleian Library are of the editions of 1621 and 1629, the former of which, by a very common error of the press, reads "Tygres head," instead of "Tygers } heart."

or Tygres }
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HENRY CHETTLE, DEC., 1592.

He shew reason for my present writing. * * * About three moneths since died M. Robert Greene, leaving many papers in sundry Booke sellers hands, among other his *Groatsworth of wit*, in which a letter written to divers play-makers, is offensively by one or two of them taken; and because on the dead they cannot be avenged, they wilfully forge in their conceites a living Author, and after tossing it to and fro, no remedy, but it must light on me. * * * With neither of them that take offence was I acquainted, and with one of them I care not if I never be: The other, whome at that time I did not so much spare, as since I wish I had, for that as I have moderated the heate of living writers, and might have used my owne discretion (especially in such a case) the Author being dead, that I did not, I am as sorry, as if the originall fault had beene my fault, because my selfe have seene his demeanor no lesse civill than he exelent in the qualitie he professes: Besides, divers of worship have reported his uprightnes of dealing, which argues his honesty, and his facetious grace in writing, that approves his Art.

Kind-Harts Dreame. [n. d. 4to.] *To the Gentlemen Readers*, p. 2.
Reprinted in *Allusion-Books*, *New Sh. Soc.*, I. pp. viii, 38.

[The manuscript of the *Groatsworth of Wit* must have been put into Chettle's hands for publication, for he goes on to say after the above extract, that he copied it out, "Greene's hand was none of the best," and it could not be read by the licenser; "but in the whole booke" he (Chettle) put "not a worde in." The "one of them" referred to by Chettle is Marlowe, "the other" appears to be Shakespere. L. T. S.]

Kind-Harts Dreame is undated: but the address "To the Gentlemen Readers" and the entry in the Stationers' Books, 8th December, 1592, prove that the tract was written between the date of Robert Greene's death and December in the same year, i. e. 1592. It was, probably, published in the following year. We were under the impression that the British Museum copy which we used was not the first edition. We are now disposed to believe that it is.

THOMAS NASH, 1592.

How would it have joyed brave *Talbot* (the terror of the French) to thinke that after he had lyne two hundred yeares in his Tombe, hee should triumphe againe on the Stage, and have his bones newe embalmed with the teares of ten thousand spectators at leaft, (at severall times) who, in the Tragedian that represents his perfon, imagine they behold him fresh bleeding !

Pierce Pmillesse his supplication to the Diuell. 1592. *Sign. F 3.* [4to.]

We have here doubtless an allusion to the play of *Henry the vi* mentioned in *Henslowe's Diary* (March 3, 1591-2: Shakespeare Society's print, 1845, p. 22): and this may or may not be identical with the *First Part of Henry the Sixth* in the Folio Edition of Shakespeare, 1623. Whether Shakespeare had any share in this latter play is, to say the least, problematical. Nash's work was reprinted, from the *first* edition of 1592, for the Shakespeare Society in 1842 under Mr. J. P. Collier's superintendence. That gentleman reprinted it again from the *second* edition of 1592, for his series of "Miscellaneous Tracts," generally known as his *Yellow Series*, in 1870. Many variations occur in the second edition. The extract above given from the first, is the same in both editions.

Anonymous, 1594.

In *Lavine Land* though *Livie* best
 There hath beene seene a *Constant* dame :
 Though *Rome* lament that she have lost
 The *Gareland* of her rarest fame,
 Yet now we see, that here is found,
 As great a *Faith* in *English* ground.

Though *Collatine* have deerely bought,
 To high renowne, a lasting life,
 And found, that most in vaine have sought,
 To have a *Faire* and *Constant* wife,
 Yet *Tarquyne* pluckt his glistering grape,
 And *Shake-speare*, paints poore *Lucrece* rape.

Commendatory verses prefixed to Willobie his Avisa. 1594. Sign. A iij.
Reprinted in Allusion-Books, New Sh. Soc., I, pp. xxxi, 170.

*HENRY WILLOBIE, 1594.

CANT. XLIIII.

Henrico Willobego. Italo-Hispalenfis.

H. W. being sodenly infected with the contagion of a fantastical fit, at the first sight of A, pyneth a while in secret grieffe, at length not able any longer to indure the burning heate of so fervent a humour, bewrayeth the secrefye of his difeafe unto his familiar frend W. S. who not long before had tryed the curtesy of the like paffion, and was now newly recovered of the like infection; yet finding his frend let bloud in the fame vaine, he took pleasure for a tyme to see him bleed, & in steed of stopping the iffue, he enlargeth the wound, with the sharpe rafor of a willing conceit, perfwading him that he thought it a matter very eafy to be compaffed, & no doubt with payne, diligence & some coft in time to be obtayned. Thus this miserable comforter comforting his frend with an impossibilitie, eyther for that he now would secretly laugh at his frends folly, that had given occasion not long before unto others to laugh at his owne, or because he would see whether an other could play his part better then himfelfe, & in vewing a far off the courfe of this loving Comedy, he determined to see whether it would fort to a happier end for this new actor, then it did for the old player. But at length this Comedy was like to have growen to a Tragedy, by the weake & feeble estate that H. W. was brought unto, by a desperate vewe of an impossibility of obtaining his purpofe, til

Time & Necessity, being his best Phisitions brought him a plaster,
if not to heale, yet in part to ease his maladye. In all which
discourfe is lively represented the unrewly rage of unbryded
fancy, having the raines to rove at liberty, with the dyvers &
fundry changes of affections & temptations, which Will, set loose
from Reafon, can devise &c.

H. W.

H. W.

What fodaine chance or change is this,
'That doth bereave my quyet rest ?

* * * * *

But yonder comes my faythfull frend,

That like assaultes hath often tryde,

On his advife I will depend,

Where I shall winne, or be denyde,^[whether]

And looke what counsell he shall give,

That will I do, where dye or live.^[whether]

CANT. XLV.

W. S.

Well met, frend Harry, what's the cause

You looke so pale with Lented cheeks ?

Your wanny face & sharpened nose

Shew plaine, your mind some thing mislikes,

If you will tell me what it is,

He helpe to mend what is amisse.

What is she, man, that workes thy woe,

And thus thy tickling fancy move ?

Thy drouisie eyes, & fighes do shoe,

This new disease proceedes of love,

Tell what she is that witch't thee so,

I sweare it shall no farder go.

A heavy burden wearieth one,
 Which being parted then in twaine,
 Seemes very light, or rather none,
 And boren well with little paine :
 The smothered flame, too closely pent,
 Burnes more extreame for want of vent.

So sorrowes shrynde in secret brest,
 Attainte the hart with hotter rage,
 Then griefes that are to frendes exprest,
 Whose comfort may some part affwage :
 If I a frend, whose faith is tryde,
 Let this request not be denyde.

Excessive griefes good counsells want,
 And cloud the fence from sharpe conceits ;
 No reason rules, where sorrowes plant,
 And folly feedes, where fury fretes,
 Tell what she is, and you shall see,
 What hope and help shall come from mee.

CANT. XLVI.

H. W.

Seeft yonder howfe, where hanges the badge
 Of Englands Saint, when captaines cry
 Victorious land, to conquering rage,
 Loe, there my hopelesse helpe doth ly :
 And there that frendly foe doth dwell,
 That makes my hart thus rage and swell.

CANT. XLVII.

W. S.

Well, say no more : I know thy grieffe,
 And face from whence these flames arise,

It is not hard to fynd reliefe,
 If thou wilt follow good advyse :
 She is no Saynt, She is no Nonne,
 I thinke in tyme she may be wonne.

Ars
veteratoria At first repulse you must not faint,
 Nor flye the field though she deny
 You twife or thrife, yet manly bent,
 Againe you must, and still reply :
 When tyme permits you not to talke,
 Then let your pen and fingers walke.

Munera
(crede mihi)
placant
hominesq ;
doosq ; Apply her still with dyvers thinges, ^[Fly]
 (For giftes the wyfest will deceave)
 Sometymes with gold, sometymes with ringes,
 No tyme nor fit occasion leave,
 Though coy at first she seeme and wiede,
 These toyes in tyme will make her yielde.

Looke what she likes ; that you must love,
 And what she hates, you must detest,
 Where good or bad, you must approve, ^[whether]
 The wordes and workes that please her best :
 If she be godly, you must sweare,
 That to offend you stand in feare.

Wicked
wiles to de-
ceave wiles
women. You must commend her loving face,
 For women joy in beauties praise,
 You must admire her sober grace,
 Her wisdom and her vertuous wayes,
 Say, t'was her wit and modest shoe, ^[show]
 That made you like and love her so.

You must be secret, constant, free,
 Your silent sighes & trickling teares,

Let her in secret often see,
 Then wring her hand, as one that feares
 To speake, then with she were your wife,
 And laft desire her faue your life.

When she doth laugh, you must be glad,
 And watch occasions, tyme and place,
 When she doth frowne, you must be sad,
 Let fighes & sobbes request her grace :
 Swear that your love is truly ment,
 So she in tyme must needs relent.

*Willobie his Avisas, or the true picture of a Modest Maid and of a chaste and constant wife. In hexameter verse. The like argument wherof was never heretofore published. 1594. [4to.] Sig. L i, back.
 Reprinted in Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc., p. 169.*

Henry Willobie's W. S. is referred to Shakespeare on two distinct grounds: (1) Because W. S. appears in this "imaginary conversation" as a standard authority on Love; and assuredly Shakespeare was the amatory poet of the day, and, to judge by his Sonnets, "had tried the curtesy of the like passion," and had come unscathed out of the ordeal. [Compare also his counsel to the wooer in the poem No. XIX, beginning, "When as thine eye hath chose the dame," of the *Passionate Pilgrim*, to which Willobie's verses bear a strong and curious resemblance in metre, subject, and treatment, L. T. S.] (2) Because it is said that this W. S. "in vewing the course of this loving Comedy determined to see whether it would sort to a happier end *for this new actor, then it did for the old player,*" with other theatrical imagery specially applicable to a player and dramatist. Assuredly, no other contemporary poet of the same initials, whether lyricist or dramatist (and five or six might be named), had any claim to this distinction.

[SIR] W[ILLIAM] HAR[BERT], 1594.

You that to shew your wits, have taken toyle
 In regift'ring the deeds of noble men ;
 And fought for matter in a forraine soyle,
 As worthie subjects of your silver pen,
 Whom you have rais'd from darke oblivion's den.
 You that have writ of chaste Lucretia,
 Whose death was witnessse of her spotlesse life :
 Or pen'd the praise of sad Cornelia,
 Whose blamelesse name hath made her fame so rife,
 As noble Pompey's most renowned wife :
 Hither unto your home direct your eies,
 Whereas, unthought on, much more matter lies.

Epicidium. A funerall Song, upon the vertuous life and godly death of the right worshipfull the Lady Helen Branch.

Signed, W. Har.

Reprinted in Sir Egerton Brydges' Restituta (1815), vol. iii. pp. 297—299, also in Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc., p. 177.

This *Epicidium* is of uncertain authorship. Sir Egerton Brydges assigns it to Sir William Harbert (*Restituta*, vol. iii. p. 298). The lines—

“ You that have writ of chaste Lucretia,
 Whose death was witness of her spotlesse life : ”

seem to refer to Shakespeare's poem. The line—

“ Hither unto your home direct your eies ”

recals two lines (163, 164) in *Lycidas* ; where, by the way, Milton implicitly compares Lycidas with Melicert (Palæmon), invoking the dolphins to waft his body into port.

•MICHAEL DRAYTON, 1594.

Lucrece, of whom proude Rome hath boasted long,
 Lately reviv'd to live another age,
 And here ariv'd to tell of *Tarquins* wrong,
 Her chaft deniall, and the Tyrants rage,
 Aſting her paſſions on our ſtately ſtage.
 She is remembred, all forgetting me,
 Yet I, as fayre and chaft as ere was She.

*The Legend of Mathilda the chaſt, daughter to the
 Lord Robert Fitzwater. 1594. Sixth Stanza.
 (See Alluſion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc., pp. xxxi, 178.)*

Shakespeare's *Rape of Lucrece* was published in the same year as Drayton's *Matilda* (the above passage is found in the editions of both 1594 and 1596). Heywood's drama of the same name did not appear till 1608. The fifth line seems to imply a dramatic representation : and, in confirmation of this view, we find almost the same words in Drayton's *Mistress Shore to Edward IV.* (England's Heroical Epistles, 1598, p. 73) :

“Or passionate Tragedian, in his rage
 Acting a love-sicke passion on the stage.”

[But this very line, taken literally, appears to offer strong proof that Drayton did not here refer to Shakespeare's Poem of *Lucrece*. L. T. S.]

ROBERT SOUTHWELL, 1594(?).¹

This makes my mourning Mute resolve in teares,
 This theames my heavie penne to plaine in profe ;
 Christ's thorne is sharpe, no head His garland weares ;
 Stil fineft wits are 'ftilling Venus' rofe,
 In Paynim toyes the sweeteft vaines are spent ;
 To Christian workes few have their talents lent.

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 O facred eyes ! the fprings of living light,
 The earthly heavens where angels ioy to dwell,
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 Sweet volumes, ftoard with learning fit for faints,
 Where blifffull quires imparadize their minds ;
 Wherein eternall studie never faints
 Still finding all, yet seeking all it finds :
 How endleffe is your labyrinth of bliffe,
 Where to be loft the sweeteft finding is !

*Saint Peters Complaint, with other Poemes. The Authour
 to the Reader, 1595. [4to.] (Grosart's Ed., 1872, pp. xii,
 xc, 9, 25.)*

¹ Southwell was executed Feb. 20, 1591/5.

[The allusion in the first of these stanzas is to *Venus and Adonis* ; the two next contain, as pointed out by Dr. Grosart, the application to the spiritual eyes of Christ of the idea contained in the humorous thesis on women's eyes maintained by Biron in *Love's Labours Lost*, Act IV. sc. iii. L. T. S.]

W[ILLIAM] C[LARKE], 1595.

All praise
worthy.
Lucrecia
Sweet Shak-
speare.
Eloquent
Gaveston.
Wanton
Adonis.
Watsons
heyre.
So well gra-
ced Antho-
nie deser-
veth immor-
tall praise
from the head
of that di-
vine Lady who
like Co-
rinaa contes-
ding with
Pindarus
was oft vi-
ctorious.

Let divine *Bartaffe*, eternally praise-worthy for his weeks worke, say the best thinges were made first : Let other countries (sweet *Cambridge*) envie, (yet admire) my *Virgil*, thy petrarch, divine *Spenser*. And unlesse I erre, (a thing easie in such simplicitie) deluded by dearlie beloved *Delia*, and fortunatelie fortunate *Cleopatra*; *Oxford* thou maist extoll thy courte-deare-verse happie *Daniell*, whose sweete refined mufe, in contracted shape, were sufficient amongst men, to gaine pardon of the sinne to *Rosmond*, pittie to distressed *Cleopatra*, and everliving praise to her loving *Delia* :

Polimanteia, or the meanes lawfull and unlawfull to judge of the fall of a commonwealth, against the frivolous and foolish conjectures of this age, etc. 1595. sign. R 2, bk. [4to.]
(See *Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc., pp. xxxii, 180.*)

On the title-page of the Grenville copy of *Polimanteia*, 1595, is a pencil note, in the well-known handwriting of Mr. J. P. Collier, which runs thus : "Q if the notice of Shakespeare in this book be not the oldest known." This query must have been long ago answered in the negative by the querist himself. Mr. C. Elliot Browne, in a note on the side-note (*Notes and Queries*, 4th S. xi. 378), falls into the same error. Shakespeare's name occurs in a work printed in 1594. (See before, p. 6.) The construction of the side-note is not (as Mr. Halliwell read it in his *Life of Shakespeare* : 1848 : p. 159) that "all praise worthy Lucretia [of] sweet Shakespeare," but that "All-praiseworthy [is the] Lucretia [of] sweet Shakespeare." In fact the epithet is used just above of Du Bartas ; and Spenser applies it to nine of his heroines in *Colin Clouts come home again*. Mr. C. E. Browne would also identify "Watson's heyre" with "Sweet Shakespeare," and give him "Wanton Adonis," as well as "Lucretia." Others contend that the "heyre" was Henry Constable. Probably, it was on the strength of this side-note that the late Rev. N. J. Halpin arrived at the rather hazardous conclusion that Shakespeare was a member of "one (or perhaps more) of the English Universities." See his *Dramatic Unities of Shakespeare*, 1849, p. 12, note.

[The "Cleopatra" here mentioned is Daniel's, published in 1594 ; he addressed his prefatory verses to the Countess of Pembroke, to whom W. C. refers in the margin. L. T. S.]

JOHN WEEVER, 1595.

Ad Gulielmum Shakespeare.

Honie-tong'd *Shakespeare*, when I saw thine issue,
 I swore *Apollo* got them and none other,
 Their rosie-tainted features cloth'd in tiffue,
 Some heaven born goddesse said to be their mother :
 Rose-checkt *Adonis* with his amber tresses, ^[checked]
 Faire fire-hot *Venus* charming him to love her,
 Chaffe *Lucretia* virgine-like her dresses,
 Prowd lust-ftung *Tarquine* seeking still to prove her :
Romea-Richard ; more, whose names I know not, ^[Roman.]
 Their sugred tongues, and power attractive beuty
 Say they are Saints, although that Sts they shew not
 For thousandes vowes to them subjective dutie :
 They burn in love thy childrē *Shakepear* het thē, ^[heated]
 Go, wo thy Muse more Nymphih brood beget them.

*Epigrammes in the oldest cut, and newest fashion. A twise seven
 houres (in so many weekes) studie. No longer (like the fashion) not
 unlike to continue. The first seven. John Weever. 1599.
 [12mo.] The 4th week : Epig. 22, sign. E 6.
 (See Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc., p. 182.)*

[From Malone's copy in the Bodleian.]

The children of Shakespere's muse *het* or heated themselves with love ;
 so Chapman says of Hero, that

" Her blushing het her chamber."

Hero and Leander, Third Sestiyad (Chapman's
Works, 1875, volume of Poems, p. 73,
 col. 2).

THOMAS EDWARDES, 1595.

Poets that divinely dreamt

• • •

Collyn was a mighty fwaine,
 In his power all do flourish,
 We are shepheards but in vaine
 There is but one tooke the charge,
 By his toile we do nourish,
 And by him are inlarg'd.

He unlockt *Albions* glorie,
 He twas tolde of *Sidneys* honor,
 Onely he of our stories,
 Must be fung in greateft pride
 In an Eglogue he hath wonne her,
 Fame and honor on his fide.

Deale we not with *Rofamond*,
 For the world our fawe will coate,
Amintas and *Leander's* gone,
 Oh deere fonnes of stately kings,
 Bleffed be your nimble throats
 That fo amoroufly could fing.

Adon deafly masking thro,
 Stately troupes rich conceited,
 Shew'd he well deferved to
 Loves delight on him to gaze
 And had not love her felfe intreated,
 Other nymphs had fent him baies.

Eke in purple roabes distaind,
 Amid't the Center of this clime,
 I have heard saie doth remaine,
 One whose power floweth far,
 That should have bene of our rime
 The onely object and the star.

Well could his bewitching pen,
 Done the Muses objects to us
 Although he differs much from men
 Tilting under Frieries,
 Yet his golden art might woo us
 To have honored him with baies.

L'Envoy to Cephalus and Procris. 1595. Unique copy in Peterborough Cathedral Library. Reprinted for the Roxburghe Club by Rev. W. E. Buckley, 1878, pp. 61, 62.

[Edwardes here speaks of the poets under the names of their best known works at that day. The mighty swaine *Collyn* is Spenser, he who sang of *Colin Clout*, and glorified Albion in the *Faerie Queen*, and gave an Elegy to Sidney. Samuel Daniel wrote the poem of *Rosamond*; Thomas Watson published his Latin poem of *Amintas* in 1585; and the *Hero & Leander* of Kit Marlowe was entered on the Stationers' register, 28 Sept. 1593, a few months after he died. (It came out, completed by Chapman, in 1598. See *Works of George Chapman: Poems, &c.*, with Introduction by A. C. Swinburne, 1875, p. 58.)

The verse devoted to *Adon* is another of the early tributes that are found to the great popularity Shakespere's *Venus and Adonis* attained at once. It reached seven editions between 1593 (the date of first publication) and 1602, two of which belong to the latter year. (See Mr. C. Edmonds' reprint from the Isham copy of 1599, Editor's Preface.)

The two stanzas referring to "one whose power floweth far" I insert, but he has not been identified. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1596.

Sophos. See how the twinkling Starres do hide their borrowed
shine

As halfe aham'd their luster so is stain'd,
By *Lelia's* beauteous eyes that shine more bright,
Than twinkling starres do in a winters night :
In such a night did *Paris* win his love.

Lelia. In such a night, *Ænæas* prov'd unkind.

Sophos. In such a night did *Troilus* court his deare.

Lelia. In such a night, faire *Phyllis* was betraid.

Sophos. He prove as true as ever *Troylus* was.

Lelia. And I as constant as *Penelope*.

Wily Beguilde, 1606, sign. I, back.

(*In the Bodleian, Malone, 226. Part of the leaf torn off.*)

[The unknown author of this play seems to imitate Shakespere's *Romeo and Juliet* and *Merchant of Venice* in several places. This dialogue would surely never have been written but for the moonlight rhapsodizing of Lorenzo and Jessica, *Merch. of Venice*, Act V. sc. i. The *Merchant of Venice* was probably written in 1596 (see Dowden's *Shakspeare Primer*, p. 96). The first edition of *Wily Beguilde* came out in 1606, but Mr. Furnivall states that there is no doubt, on account of the allusions in it to the taking of Cadiz, that it was on the stage in or soon after 1596; though he has shown that there is no real ground for the old theory that Nash referred to it in his *Have with you to Saffron Walden* (printed 1596; sign. 24, back), where he makes *Respondent* say of Anthonie Chute—"But this was our *Graphial Hagids* tricke of *Wily Beguily* herein" (see *Notes & Queries*, vol. iv. 1875, p. 144; vol. v. p. 74). *Wily beguily* was a current phrase, meaning the wily man beguiled, or, as we should say, the biter bit. L. T. S.]

RICHARD CAREW, 1595-6.

Adde hereunto, that whatsoever grace any other language carrieth in verſe or Proſe, in Tropes or Metaphors, in Ecchoes and Agnominations, they may all bee lively and exactly repreſented in ours: will you have *Platoes* veine? reade Sir *Thomas Smith*, the *Ionicke*? Sir *Thomas Moore*. *Ciceroes*? *Aſcham*, *Varro*? *Chaucer*, *Demofthenes*? Sir *John Cheeke* (who in his treatiſe to the Rebels, hath comprifed all the figures of Rhetorick. Will you reade *Virgill*? take the Earle of Surrey. *Catullus*? *Shakeſpheare* and *Marlows*¹ fragment, *Ovid*? *Daniell*. *Lucan*? *Spencer*, *Martial*? Sir *John Davies* and others: will you have all in all for Proſe and verſe? take the miracle of our age, Sir *Philip Sidney*.

The Excellencie of the English tongue, by R. C. of Anthony Eſquire to W.C. Inſerted by W. Camden in the ſecond edition of his Remaines concerning Britaine, 1614, p. 43. [4to.]

(See *Alluſion-Books, I, New Sk. Soc. p. 183.*)

¹ Printed *Barlows* in original, but unqueſtionably a miſtake for *Marlows*.

FRANCIS MERES, 1598.

As the Greeke tongue is made famous and eloquent by *Homer, Hesiod, Euripedes, Aeschilus, Sophocles, Pindarus, Phocylides* and *Aristophanes*; and the Latine tongue by *Virgill, Ovid, Horace, Silius Italicus, Lucanus, Lucretius, Aufonius* and *Claudianus*: so the English tongue is mightily enriched, and gorgeouſlie invested in rare ornaments and reſplendent abili-ments by fir *Philip Sidney, Spencer, Daniel, Drayton, Warner, Shakespeare, Marlow* and *Chapman*.

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As the ſoule of *Euphorbus* was thought to live in *Pythagoras*: ſo the ſweete wittie ſoule of *Ovid* lives in mellifluous & hony-tongued *Shakespeare*, witnes his *Venus* and *Adonis*, his *Lucrece*, his fugred Sonnets among his private friends, &c.

As *Plautus* and *Seneca* are accounted the beſt for Comedy and Tragedy among the Latines? ſo *Shakespeare* among y^e English is the moſt excellent in both kinds for the ſtage; for Comedy, witnes his *Göttemē of Verona*, his *Errors*, his *Love labors loſt*, his *Love labours wonne*, his *Midſummers night dreame*, & his *Merchant of Venice*: for Tragedy his *Richard the 2. Richard the 3. Henry the 4. King Iohn, Titus Andronicus* and his *Romeo and Iuliet*.

As *Epius Stolo* ſaid, that the Muſes would ſpeake with *Plautus* tongue, if they would ſpeak Latin: ſo I ſay that the Muſes would ſpeak with *Shakespeares* fine filed phraſe, if they would ſpeake English.

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As *Ovid* ſaith of h^s worke;

*Iamque opus exegi, quod nec Iovis ira, nec ignis,
Nec poterit ferrum, nec edax abolere vetuſtas.*

And as *Horace* faith of his; *Exegi monumentum ære perennius; Regalique; situ pyramidum altius; Quod non imber edax; Non Aquilo impotens possit diruere; aut innumerabilis annorum series &c fuga temporum*: so say I severally of sir *Philip Sidneys, Spencers, Daniels, Draytons, Shakespeares, and Warners workes*;

As *Pindarus, Anacreon* and *Callimachus* among the Greekes; and *Horace* and *Catullus* among the Latines are the best Lyrick Poets: so in this faculty the best among our Poets are *Spencer* (who excelleth in all kinds) *Daniel, Drayton, Shakespeare, Bretton*.

As so these are our best for Tragedie, the Lorde *Buckhurst*, Doctour *Leg* of Cambridge, Doctour *Edes* of Oxforde, maister *Edward Ferris*,¹ the Authour of the *Mirroure for Magistrates, Marlow, Peele, Watson, Kid, Shakespeare, Drayton, Chapman, Decker, and Benjamin Johnson*.

. . . so the best for Comedy amongst us bee, *Edward Earle* of Oxforde, Doctour *Gager* of Oxforde, Maister *Rowley* once a rare

¹ [It was George Ferrers who wrote six of the historical poems in the *Mirroure for Magistrates*, four of which appeared in the first edition of 1559; two more came out in the edition of 1587; three of these bore the title of Tragedy, though none of them were plays. It is singular (see Wood's *Athen. Oxon.*, i, 340, 445) that Puttenham, writing in 1589, and Meres in 1598, both appear to have made the same mistake, of naming Edward Ferris (or Ferrers) for George Ferrers. Puttenham says (*Arte of English Poesie*, 1589 (4to.), p. 49; Arber's Reprint, p. 74) that "Maister *Edward Ferrys*" "wrote for the most part to the stage, in Tragedie and sometimes in Comedie or Enterlude, wherein he gave the king [Edward VI] so much good recreation, as he had thereby many good rewardes." None of the plays of either George Ferrers or Edward Ferrers appear, however, to be now in existence. Edward Ferrers died in 1564, George in 1579. Meres may have intended to mention them both in the sentence given above. G. Ferrer's name was not on the title of the *Mirroure* in the edition of 1587, and his initials only were attached to his portions of the work. But that Puttenham really meant George, and not Edward, seems to be shown by the words of Stowe, who says, "George Ferrers gentleman of Lincolns Inne, being lord of the merry disportes all the 12 dayes [of Christmas, 1553, at Greenwich]: who so pleasantly and wisely behaved himselfe, y^t the K. had great delight in his pastymes." *Chronicle*, ed. 1615, p. 608. L. T. S.]

Scholler of learned Pembroke Hall in Cambridge, Maister Edwardes one of her Maiesties Chappell, eloquent and wittie John Lilly, Lodge, Gascoyne, Greene, Shakespeare, Thomas Nash, Thomas Heywood, Anthony Mundaye our best plotter, Chapman, Porter, Wilson, Hathway, and Henry Chettle.

. . . fo these are the most passionate among us to bewaile and bemoane the perplexities of Love, Henrie Howard Earle of Surrey, fir Thomas Wyat the elder, fir Francis Brian, fir Philip Sidney, fir Walter Rawley, fir Edward Dyer, Spencer, Daniel, Drayton, Shakespeare, Whetstone, Gascoyne, Samuell Page sometimes fellowe of Corpus Christi Colledge in Oxford, Churchyard, Bretton.

Palladis Tamia. Wits Treasury, Being the Second part of Wits Common wealth. 1598. [12mo.] Fols. 280, 281-2, 282, 283, 284. (Reprinted in *Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc. pp. xxiii, 151.*)

Of these extracts from Meres' *Palladis Tamia*, the second has been repeated *ad nauseam*, while the other five have been usually ignored. One matter of interest in the second extract is the mention of a play by Shakespeare under the name of *Love Labours Wonne*. If this be a superseded or an alternative name for one of those included in our "canon," it is important to identify it, as affording some addition to the scanty evidences on which we have to determine the chronological order of the plays. Farmer identified *Love Labours Wonne* with *All's well that ends well*; and his dictum has been acquiesced in by many critics. The Rev. Joseph Hunter gave the preference to *The Tempest*, which, for his purpose, had to be antedated some ten or a dozen years; and Mr. A. E. Brae, in his *Collier, Coleridge and Shakespeare*, advocates the claims of *Much ado about Nothing*. But as that play was entered on the Stationers' Books on August 23, 1600, Meres could hardly have referred to it. Professor Craik argued in favour of *The Taming of the Shrew* (*English of Shakespere*, 1865, Proleg. II. p. 8, note). The German critics Emil Pallecki, E. W. Sievers, and W. Hertzberg, also take this view. (See Tieck and Schlegel's translation of Shakespere, published by the *Deutsche Shakespere Gesellschaft*, 1871, vol. ii. p. 355.)

The language of the first extract from Meres, which was quoted by Singer (Pref. to *Hero and Leander*, 1821, pp. xiii, xiv), recalls two lines in Ben Jonson's magnificent eulogy of Poetry in the first edition of *Every Man in his Humour*:

"But view her in her glorious ornaments,
Attired in the majestie of arte," &c.

FRANCIS MERES, 1598.

Michael Drayton (quem toties honoris & amoris causa nomino) among schollers, souldiours, Poets, and all forts of people, is helde for a man of vertuous disposition, honest conversation, and wel governed cariage, which is almost miraculous among good wits in these declining and corrupt times, when there is nothing but rogerie in villanous man, & when cheating and craftines is counted the cleaneft wit, and foundest wisedome.

Palladis Tamia. Wits Treasury, Being the Second part of Wits Commonwealth. 1598, fol. 281. [12mo.]

We have here an expression quoted from the *First Part of Henry IV*, Act II. sc. iv, where Falstaff says:

"You Rogue, heere's Lime in this Sacke too: there is nothing but Roguery to be found in Villanous man."

The *First Part of Henry IV* was entered on the Stationers' Register, Feb. 25, 1597-98.

R[OBERT] T[OFTE], 1598.

Loves Labour Lost, I once did see a Play
 Y-cleped so, so called to my paine.
 Which I to heare to my small Ioy did stay,
 Giving attendance on my froward Dame :
 My misgiving minde presaging to me ill,
 Yet was I drawne to see it 'gainst my will.

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Each Actor plaid in cunning wise his part,
 But chiefly Those entrapt in Cupid's snare ;
 Yet All was fained, 'twas not from the hart,
 They seemde to grieve, but yet they felt no care :
 'Twas I that Griefe (indeed) did beare in brest,
 The others did but make a show in Iest.

*The Months Minde of a Melancholy Lover, divided into three parts.
 By R. T. gentleman. 1598. [8°.] sign. G 5. In the library of
 Mr. Henry Huth.*

(See *Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc. p. 184.*)

As to the date of *Love's Labours Lost*, see after, p. 62 ; it was first printed in 1598.

RICHARD BARNFEILD, 1598.

A Remembrance of some English Poets.

Live *Spenser* ever, in thy *Fairy Queene* :

Whose like (for deepe Conceit) was never seene.
Crownd mayst thou bee, unto thy more renowne,
(As King of Poets) with a Lawrell Crowne.

And *Daniell*, praised for thy sweet-chast Verfe :

Whose Fame is grav'd on *Rofamonds* blacke Herfe.
Still mayst thou live : and still be honored,
For that rare Worke, *The White Rose and the Red*.

And *Drayton*, whose wel-written Tragedies,
And sweete Epistles, soare thy fame to skies.
Thy learned Name, is æquall with the rest ;
Whose stately Numbers are so well adrest.

And *Shakespeare* thou, whose hony-flowing Vaine,
(Pleasing the World) thy Praises doth obtaine.

Whose *Venus*, and whose *Lucrece* (sweete, and chaste)
Thy Name in fames immortall Booke have plac't.

Live ever you, at least in Fame live ever :

Well may the Bodye dye, but Fame dies never.

Poems in Divers humors.¹ 1598. [4to.]

Sign. E 2, back.

¹ [This tract is fourth in a volume of which the first tract only bears Barnfeild's name : signatures begin afresh with the second tract, they do not run on throughout (my error in *Sh. Allusion-Books*, I, New Sh. Soc. p. 186). L. T. S.]

JOHN MARSTON, 1598.

A hall, a hall,
 Roome for the Spheres, the Orbes celestially
 Will daunce *Kemps Tigge*. They'le revel with neate iumps
 A worthy Poet hath put on their Pumps.

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Luscus, what's playd to day? faith now I know
 I fet thy lips abroach, from whence doth flow
 Naught but pure *Iuliat* and *Romio*.
 Say, who acts best? *Drufus* or *Rofcio*?
 Now I have him, that nere of ought did speake
 But when of playes or Plaiers he did treat.
 H'ath made a common-place booke out of plaies,
 And speakes in print: at leaft what ere he sayes
 Is warranted by Curtaine plaudeties.
 If ere you heard him courting *Leſbias* eyes;
 Say (Curteous ſir), ſpeakes he not movingly,
 From out ſome new pathetique Tragedy?
 He writes, he railles, he ieſts, he courts what not,
 And all from out his huge long ſcraped ſtock
 Of well-penn'd playes.

The Scourge of Villanie. 1598. Satyre 10. (*Humours.*)
 Sign. H 3, back. 16^{mo}.

[Malone's copy in the Bodleian.]

(See *Allusion-Books*, I, *New Sh. Soc.* pp. xxxiv, 187.)

[*Romeo and Juliet* was first printed in 1597, but was probably performed a year sooner. (See Dowden's *Shakespeare Primer*, p. 83.)
 The first lines above contain a common phrase of the day, "A hall! a hall!"

give room!" See *Rom. and Juliet*, Act I. sc. v: "A hall! a hall! give room and foot it, girls." So also Davies of Hereford has, "A hall, my masters, give Rotundus roome" (*Scourge of Folly*, Epig. 10, ed. Grosart, Chertsey Worthies Library, pp. 9, 66). L. T. S.]

"Kemp's jigge" was one of those diversions, of combined singing and dancing, of which several were written and performed by him and Tarlton. (See Dyce's Introduction to Kemp's *Nine days wonder*, p. xx, and Collier's *Memoirs of Actors*, Shakespeare Society, 1846, pp. 100—102.) The "worthy poet" was Sir John Davies, the author of *Orchestra or a Poeme of Dauncing*, 1596.

"Roscio" was a *sobriquet* of Burbage, which convinces Mr. Gerald Massey that John Davies' epigram, entitled *Of Drusus his deere Deere-hunting* (No. 50 in *The Scourge of Folly*), was meant to allude to Shakespeare's *escapade* at Charlecote or Fulbroke. To help his case, however, Mr. Massey has to omit the epigram and to alter its title. (*The Secret Drama of Shakespeare's Sonnets unfolded*, 1872: Supplemental Chapter, p. 40.) Besides, Davies does not apply Roscius solely to Burbage; he has "To the Roscius of these times, Mr. W. Ostler," in *The Scourge of Folly*, Epigram 205.

JOHN MARSTON, 1598.

*A man, a man, a kingdome for a man, !
 Why, how now, currisb, mad Athenian ?
 Thou Cynick dogge, fee'ft not streets do fwarme
 With troupes of men ?*

The Scourge of Villanie. 1598. Satyre 7. (A Cynicke Satyre.)

*Reprinted by Mr. J. O. Halliwell in Marston's Works, Library of
 Old Authors, 1856, vol. iii, p. 278.*

(See Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc. p. 188.)

The first line is a parody on the well-known line in Shakespeare's *King Richard III*, literally quoted by Marston in his *What you Will*, 1607, Act II, sc. i. (See after, p. 77.) The speech had probably attracted popular attention, and seems to have already become a fashionable cant phrase. (See also Brathwaite, 1615, after.) Marston also parodies the same line in his *Parasitaster, or the Faune*, 1606 :

"A foole, a foole, a foole, my Coxcombe for a foole!" (*Sign. H 3, bk.*),

where, too, we find another line taken almost literally from *Richard III*, Act I, sc. i :

"Plots ha' you laid? inductions, daungerous." (*Sign. C 3, bk.*)

[In this same *Cynicke Satyre* Marston repeats the part phrase "a man, a man!" three times, but it is as a forcible sneer, to open a new phase of his subject, it is not used in the sense of Shakespere's call.

Richard III was first published in quarto in 1597, but was probably written as early as 1593. (See Dowden's *Shakespere Primer*, p. 78.) L. T. S.]

GABRIEL HARVEY 1598 or after 1600?¹

The younger fort take much delight in Shakespeare's Venus and Adonis; but his Lucrece, and his tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmarke, have it in them to please the wiser fort. 1598.

Manuscript Note in Speght's Chaucer [now lost; see Allusion-Books, I, New Sh. Soc. pp. xxii, xxiii]. First printed in Johnson and Steevens' Shakespeare, 1773. (Reed, xviii, 2; Boswell's Malone, vii, 168; Drake, ii, 391, &c.)

¹ We are unable to verify Steevens' note, or collate his copy: for the book which contained Harvey's note (a copy of Speght's *Chaucer*, 1598) passed into the collection of Bishop Percy; and his library was burnt in the fire at Northumberland House. [Malone, who saw the volume, doubted whether the note was written by Harvey before 1600 (Boswell's *Malone*, ii. 369). He does not, however, say whether the date, 1598, is really written at the end of the note and in Harvey's hand. L. T. S.] The editors of the Clarendon Press edition of *Hamlet* (Preface, p. ix) remark: "Steevens attributed to the note the date of the book, but Malone has shown that, although Harvey may have purchased the volume in 1598, there is nothing to prove that he wrote the note till after 1600, in which year Fairfax's translation of Tasso, mentioned in another note, was published."

The First Quarto of *Hamlet* was printed in 1603.

BEN JONSON, 1599.

Saviolina. What's he, gentle Mounfieur *Briske*? not that Gentleman?

Fastidius. No Ladie, this is a Kinsman of Iustice *Silence.*
(*Act V. sc. ii.*)

• • • •

Marie, I will not do as *Plautus* in his *Amphitryo* for all this, (*Summi Iovis causa Plaudite*;) begge a *Plaudite* for Gods sake; but if you (out of the bountie of your good-liking) will bestow it, why, you may (in time) make leane *Macilente* as fat as *Sir John Fall-staffe*.

(*Second "Catastrophe or Conclusion" to the play, sign. Q 4, back.*)

Every Man out of his Humor. 1600. [4to]

["This Comicall Satyre was first acted in the yeere 1599."—*Jonson's Works*, 1616, vol. i. p. 176.

The speech of *Mitis* in the same play, Act III, sc. ii, suggesting that the argument of the comedy might have been based on cross-wooings, has been supposed to be a hit at *Twelfth Night*. But that play is not placed earlier than 1600, as its probable date.

The *First* and *Second* Parts of *Henry IV*, in which *Justices Silence* and *Shallow* appear, were probably both written before Feb. 25, 1597-98, when the *First Part* was entered on the Stationers' Register. L. T. S.]

*JOHN LANE, 1600.

When chafte *Adonis* came to mans estate,
Venus straight courted him with many a wile ;
Lucrece once seene, straight *Tarquins* laid a baite,
With foule incest her bodie to defile :

Thus men by women, women wrongde by men,
Give matter still vnto my plaintife pen.

Tom Tel-Troths Message, and his pens Complaint. 1600, p. 43.
(Reprinted by the New Shakspeare Society, 1876, p. 132.)

SAMUEL NICHOLSON, 1600.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.

Acolastus.

Or wher's the soules Attorney, when
the hart.

Being once corrupted, takes the
worsor part? (p. 12, l. 185.)

O woolvish heart wrapt in a womans
hyde (p. 16, l. 265).

Thus all askaunce thou holdst me in
thine eye (l. 300).

Hence idle words, servants to shallow
braines,
Unfruitfull sounds, wind-wasting
arbitrators,

Your endles prattle lessens not my
paines

His suite is cold, that makes you
mediators (l. 559).

Witnes faire heauens she, she, 'tis
onely she,

That guides this hand to give this
wound to me (l. 647).

A prettie while this prettie creature
stooode

Before the engin of her thoughts
began (l. 853).

CENTURIE.

Shakespere.

the heart's attorney.
(*Ven. and Ad.* l. 335.)

But with a pure appeal seeks to the
heart

Which once corrupted takes the
worsor part (*Lucrece*, l. 293).

O tigers heart wrapt in a woman's
hide (3 *Henry VI*, I. iv).

For all askaunce he holds her in his
eye (*Ven. and Ad.* l. 342).

Out idle words, servants to shallow
fools,
Unprofitable sounds, weak arbi-
trators !

Busy yourselves in skill-contending
schools :

Debate where leisure serves with dull
debaters :

To trembling clients be you medi-
ators (*Lucrece*, l. 1016).

She utters this : 'He, he, fair lords,
'tis he,

That guides this hand to give this
wound to me (*Lucrece*, l. 1721).

A pretty while these pretty creatures
stand (*Lucrece*, l. 1233).

Once more the engine of her thoughts
began (*Ven. and Ad.* l. 367).

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*Acolastus.**Shakespere.*

Heart-slaine with lookes, I fell upon the ground,	Or like the deadly bullet of a gun,
Her meening strooke me ere her words were done,	His meaning struck her ere his words begun,
As weapons meet before they make a sound,	And at his look she flatly falleth down,
Or as the deadly bullet of a gunne (p. 62, l. 1369).	For looks kill love and love by looks reviveth (<i>Ven. and Ad.</i> l. 461).
And pining grieffe still thinks it treble wrong	For lovers say, the heart hath treble wrong
When heart is barr'd the aydance of the tongue (l. 1433).	When it is barr'd the aidance of the tongue (<i>Ven. and Ad.</i> l. 329).

Acolastus his after-witte. By S. N. 1600. Reprinted by Rev.
A. B. Grosart, 1876. Introduction, pp. xiv—xxi.

[The quotations here given are but a few out of many passages in Nicholson's *Acolastus*, in which the author has, like Robert Baron fifty years later, woven into his own verse quotations and recollections from Shakespere's Poems. Dr. Grosart and Dr. B. Nicholson, setting aside the accusation of literary theft and impudence in this striking use by the lesser poets of the ringing words of the greater, explain that "precedents of high excellence were much more looked to in those days, and copyings and imitations were not merely more common but allowed, especially when the sources were in all hands, and so 'plagiarism' out of the question. . . . Those familiar with Nicholas Breton and Samuel Daniel find frequently and silently introduced into their own poems [*i. e.* the poems of those authors] well-known sonnets and lines of others." Introd. p. xxi. L. T. S.]

THE ESSEX REBELLION, 1600:
EXAMINATIONS.

Sir Gelly Meyricke 17th Feb. 1600.

'The Examination of S' Gelly merick Knyght taken the xvijth of Februarij, 1600. He sayeth that vpon Saterdag last was fennyght he dyned at Gunter's in the Company of the L. monteagle, S' Christoffer Blont, S' Charles percy, Ellys Jones, and Edward Buffhell, and who else he remembreth not and after dyuner that day & at the mocyon of S' Charles percy and the rest they went all together to the Globe over the water wher the L. Chamberlens men vie to play and were ther fomwhat before the play began, S' Charles tellyng them that the play wold be of harry the iiijth. Whether S' John davyes¹ were ther or not thys examine can not tell, but he sayd he wold be ther yf he cold. he can not tell who procured that play to be played at that tyme except yt were S' Charles percy, but as he thyncketh yt was S' Charles percy. Thenne he was at the same play and Cam in fomwhat after yt was begon, and the play was of Kyng Harry the iiijth, and of the kylling of Kving Richard the second played by the L. Chamberlen's players

Ex. per
J. Popham
Edward Fenner

Gelly Meyricke

*MS in the Public Record Office. Domestic
State Papers, Elizabeth, Vol. 278, No. 78.
(Mrs. Green's Calendar, 1598-1601, p. 575.)*

¹ Misread Danvers in the Calendar.

Augustine Phillipps 18 Feb., 1600.

The Examination of auguftyne phillypps servant vnto the L Chamberlyne and one of hys players taken the xvijth of Februarij 1600 vpon hys oth

He fayeth that on Fryday laft was fennyght or Thursday S^r Charles percy S^r Jofclyne percy and the L. montegle with some thre more spak to some of the players in the presens of thys examine to have the play of the depofyng and kylling of Kyng Rychard the second to be played the Saterdag next promyfyng to gete them xls. more then their ordinary to play yt. Wher thys Examine and hys fellowes were determyned to have played some other play, holdyng that play of Kyng Richard to be fo old & fo long out of vfe as that they shold have small or no Company at yt. But at their request this Examine and his fellowes were Content to play yt the Saterdag and had their xls. more then their ordinary for yt and fo played yt accordyngly

Ex. per

Augustine Phillipps

J. Popham

Edward Fenner

MS. in the Public Record Office. Domestic State Papers, Elisabeth, Vol. 278, No. 85. (See Mrs. Green's Calendar, 1598-1601, p. 578.)

[The above examinations were thus summed up in the Report of The Trial printed from Le Neve's MS. :—

“ And the story of *Henry IV* being set forth in a play, and in that play there being set forth the killing of the King upon a stage; the *Friday* before Sir *Gilly Merrick* and some others of the Earl's train having an humour to see a play, they must needs have the play of *Henry IV*.

“ The players told them that was stale, they should get nothing by playing of that, but no play else would serve; and Sir *Gilly Merrick* gives forty shillings to *Phillips* the player to play this, besides what soever he could get.” (The Trial of Sir Christopher Blunt, Sir Gilly Merrick and others, for High Treason, 5 March, 1600. F. Hargrave's *State Trials*, 1778, vol. vii. column 60.) I have not succeeded in tracing Le Neve's MS., it does not

appear to be in the British Museum, and Mr. J. Nicholson, the courteous Librarian of Lincoln's Inn, informs me that it is not in the Library under his charge (to which Hargrave's MSS. and books were originally assigned). But the examinations of Merrick and Phillipps show that what seemed to be the error of *Henry IV* instead of *Richard II*, as the name of the play, is so in the original. The account given of this trial in Camden's *Annals* (ed. Hearne, 1717, p. 867) has it as follows,—“*exoletam Tragædiam de tragica abdicatione Regis Ricardi secundi in publico theatro coram conjurationis participibus data pecunia agi curasset.*”

Richard II was published in Quarto in 1597 and 1598, the Deposition scene (ll. 154—318 of Act IV. sc. i) was not printed till 1608, though, from the allusions in the lines before and after the omission, which are in the Quarto of 1597, it is clear that this scene must have been in the original play; it was probably struck out on account of its political significance. That there is room for doubt whether the play ordered by Sir Charles Percy was Shakespere's *Richard II*, or another on the same subject, is seen by Professor Dowden's comment, “that this was Shakespere's play is very unlikely” (*Sh. Primer*, 1877, p. 87).¹ But Mr. Hales (*Academy*, Nov. 20, 1875), endorsed by Mr. Furnivall (*Leopold Shakspere*, Introd. p. xxxvi), asks that “considering the facts that the company employed by the Essexians was that to which Shakespere belonged, and that the play asked for answers in description to Shakespere's *Richard II*, can we hesitate to believe that the play was indeed Shakespere's?” See App. D, *Lambard*. L. T. S.]

¹ See also Clark and Wright's *Richard II*, Clarendon Press Series, 1869, p. v,—“it is certain that this was not Shakespere's play.”

CHARLES PERCY, 1600?

Mr. Carlington :

I am heere so pestered with contrie businesse that I shall not bee able as yet to come to London : If I stay heere long in this fashion, at my return I think you will find mee so dull that I shall bee taken for Justice Silence or Justice Shallow, wherefore I am to entreat you that you will take pittie of mee, and as occurrences shall searue, to send mee such news from time to time as shall happen, the knowledge of the which, thouth perhaps thee will not exempt mee from the opinion of a iustice Shallow at London, yet I will assure you, thee will make mee passe for a very sufficient gentleman in Glocestshire. If I doe not alwaies make you answere, I pray you doe not therefore desist from your charitable office, the place being so fruitfull from whence you write, and heere so barren, that it will make my head ake for invention, but if anything happen heere that may bee unknown unto you in those parts, you shall not faile but to heare of it. I pray you direct your letters to thee three cups in breed-street, where I haven taken order for the sending of them down : And so in the mean while I will ever remain

your assured friend

Charles Percy

Dumbleton in Glocestshire

this 27 of December

You need not to forbear sending of news hither in respect of their stalenes, for I will assure you, heere they will be very new.

M.S. Letter in Public Record Office, Domestic State Papers, Elizabeth, Vol. 275, No. 146.

[The late Mr. Richard Simpson left an unprinted note on this letter which I here give as it stands :

“As this letter was part of the papers seized upon the companions of Essex in his attempt upon London, the date of it may be any year before 1602.

“Sir Charles Percy, 3rd son of Henry 20th Earl of Northumberland, married one of the family of Cocks, and through her was lord of Dumbleton in Gloucestershire, near Campden, and not far from Stratford-on-Avon. He was with Essex in Ireland, and accompanied him in his fatal ride into the City in Feb. 1601. He was the man who bespoke the play of *Richard II.* at the Globe on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1601. He was evidently one of Shakespere's admirers, perhaps one of his friends. Through him the dramatist may have got some of the vivid stories about the Percies in *Henry IV.* Possibly he may be 'chaffed' in the passage where Falstaff asks what Master Dumbleton says to his satin, and is told that he wants better assurance than Bardolph.” L. T. S.]

"ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER," 1600—1610.

For I must tell you I never dealt so freele with you, in anie ; and, (as that excellent author, Sr. *John Falstaff* sayes,) what for your bufinessse, news, device, foolerie, and libertie, I never dealt better, since I was a man.

A Collection of Letters made by Sr. Tobie Matthews, Kt. 1660, p. 100. "One friend to another, who shoves much trouble for the miscarriage of a letter."

Countess of Southampton to Earl of Southampton.

Al the nues I can fend you that I thinke wil make you mery is that I reade in a letter from London that Sir John Falstaf is by his Mrs. Dame Pintpot made father of a godly milers thum, a boye thats all heade and veri litel body ; but this is a secrit.

Postscript to a letter, without other date than "Charitly 8th July," printed in the Appendix to 3rd Report of the Historical MSS. Commission, p. 148.

[I put these two extracts together, as they both show the wide-spread popularity of Falstaff, even to the familiar personation of him : the late Mr. Simpson believed that they refer to Shakespere himself under the name of Falstaff (*Academy*, Feb. 6, 1875). The names and circumstances of many of the writers of the letters in Matthews' collection point to the approximate date of the first extract. L. T. S.]

SIR WILLIAM CORNWALLIS, 1600.

“ Malicious credulitie rather embraceth the partiall writings of indiscreet chroniclers, and witty Play-Makers, then his [Richard III's] lawes and actions, the most innocent and impartiall witnesses.

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Yet neither can his blood redeem him [Richard III] from injurious tongues, nor the reproch offered his body be thought cruell enough, but that we must stil make him more cruelly infamous in Pamphlets and Plays.

Essayes of Certaine Paradoxes. 1617. Second edition. The Prayse of King Richard the Third. Sign. C 3 and D 3. [In the Bodleian.] Reprinted in a Collection of Scarce and Valuable Tracts, by Lord Somers, 2nd ed. 1810. Vol. 3, pp. 321, 328.

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[Mr. Elliot Browne pointed out the first extract given above, in the *Athenaum*, 13 Nov. 1875. The title of this second impression of *Essayes of Certaine Paradoxes* does not contain the addition “in prose and verse” said to belong to the edition of 1600. It is quite a different work from Cornwallis' *Essayes*, which passed through several editions. I have not been able to find a copy of the edition of 1600, but give the date on the authority of *Lowndes' Bibliog. Manual*, Bohn's edition, vol. iv. p. 2312. L. T. S.]

JOHN WEEVER, 1601.

The many-headed multitude were drawne
 By *Brutus* speech, that *Cæsar* was ambitious,
 When eloquent *Mark Antonie* had showne
 His vertues, who but *Brutus* then was vicious ?
 Mans memorie, with new, forgets the old,
 One tale is good, untill another s told.

*The Mirror of Martyrs, or The life and death of Sir
 John Oldcastle Knight, Lord Cobham, 1601. Stanza
 4, sign. A 3, back.*

[In *Plutarch's Lives*, on which Shakespere founded his *Julius Cæsar*, there is no speech by Brutus on Cæsar's ambition; and though in Appian's *Chronicle of the Roman Wars* (englished in 1578) speeches on the killing of Cæsar are put into Antony's mouth¹ (see extracts in *Transactions of the New Shakspere Society*, 1875-6, pp. 427—439), yet none fit the words above, which must allude to those in Shakespere's play. F. J. F.]

¹ [Anthony's oration in Appian's *Chronicle* was quoted at length by Charles Gildon in his *Remarks on the Plays of Shakespere*, appended to his edition of Shakespere's Works, 1714, vol. ix, p. 336. L. T. S.]

ROBERT CHESTER, 1601.

LOVES MARTYR : / OR, / ROSALINS COMPLAINT. / *Allegorically shadowing the truth of Loue,* / in the constant Fate of the Phœnix / and Turtle. / A Poeme enterlaced with much varietie and raritie ; / now first translated out of the venerable Italian Torquato / Cæliano, by ROBERT CHESTER. / With the true legend of famous King *Arthur*, the last of the nine / Worthies, being the first *Essay* of a new *Brytish* Poet : collected / out of diuerse Authentick Records. / To these are added some new compositions, of seuerall moderne Writers / whose names are subscribed to their seuerall workes, vpon the / first subiect : viz. the Phœnix and / Turtle. / *Mar* :—*Mutare dominum non potest liber notus.* / LONDON / Imprinted for E. B. / 1601. /

HEREAFTER / FOLLOVV DIVERSE / Poeticall Effaies on the former Sub-iect ; viz : the *Turtle* and *Phœnix*. / Done by the best and chiefest of our / moderne writers, with their names sub- / scribed to their particular workes : / neuer before extant. / And (now first) consecrated by them all generally, / to the loue and merite of the true-noble Knight, / Sir Iohn Salisburie. / *Dignum laude virum Musa vetat mori.* / MDCI

[The first of these is the entire title to Chester's poem of 1601, mentioning "some new compositions of seuerall moderne Writers" upon the first subject treated of by Chester. The next is the secondary title to those "new compositions" (at p. 165, so mis-paged for 169), a collection of short poems in which Shakespere's *Phœnix and Turtle* and *Threnos* (lament over the dead) first appeared. The names or quasi-names subscribed to the poems are, Vatum chorus, Ignoto, William Shake-speare, John Marston, George Chapman, and Ben : Johnson.

The unsold copies of *Loue's Martyr* were issued in 1611, with a different principal-title, which omitted all mention of the supplementary poems. The book has lately been reprinted by Dr. Grosart from the late Rev. Thos. Corser's copy of the edition of 1601, for his fifty subscribers and for the New Sh. Society, 1878 ; with an Introduction arguing that the Phœnix was Queen Elizabeth, and the Turtle dove the Earl of Essex. This theory has been strongly protested against. L. T. S.]

* ROBERT CHESTER, 1601.

To the kind Reader.

Of bloody warres, nor of the sacke of Troy,
 Of *Pryams* muredred sonnes, nor *Didoes* fall,
 Of *Hellens* rape, by *Paris Troian* boy,
 Of *Cæsars* victories, nor *Pompeys* thrall,
 Of *Lucrece* rape, being rauifht by a King,
 Of none of these, of sweete Conceit I sing.

R[obert] Ch[ester].

Loves Martyr: or, Rosalins Complaint, sign. A 4, back.
 1601. Reprinted by Rev. Dr. Grosart, 1878, and by
 the New Sh. Society, 1878-9.

This is the first of the two stanzas by which Chester introduces his poem to the reader. (See I. C.'s lines, after, p. 57.)

[We here find the author of *Lucrece* associated with Homer and Virgil, or more probably with those English writers who sang of all these classical subjects. (It is sufficient to recall Barbour's and Lydgate's Poems on Troy; Lydgate's *Falls of Princes*, followed by the popular collection of histories in verse in *The Mirour for Magistrates*, both of which went through several editions in the sixteenth century. The story of Pompey was also set forth by Thomas Kyd in his tragedy of *Cornelia*, 1594.) It is true that Chaucer and Lydgate in fragments of larger works both sang of Lucrece, as did Ovid; but that Chester more probably referred to Shakespere seems shown, (1) By the fact that his was the only separate poem on the subject. (2) By the recent publication of the *Rape of Lucrece* (1594), which, following on the previous excellence of *Venus and Adonis* (1593), had at once made its mark. (3) Because Chester calls Shakespere one of "the best and chiefest of our moderne writers," evidently from these two poems as I think, for in those days "a mere playwright" was hardly considered a true poet. (4) Because Chester was under an obligation to this chief poet, having obtained from him and adjoined to his *Love's Martyr* a *Phenix and Turtle* poem "never before printed" and probably written at Chester's entreaty. (5) By the reminiscences in Chester's otherwise poor poem of Shakespere's wordings, and especially of his rhythm. B. N.]

JOHN MANNINGHAM, 2 Febr. and 13 March,
1601.

At our feaft wee had a play called Twelve Night, or what you will, much like the commedy of errores, or Menechmi in Plautus, but most like and neere to that in Italian called *Inganni*. A good practife in it to make the steward beleeve his lady widdowe was in love with him, by counterfaying a letter as from his lady, in generall termes, telling him what shee liked best in him, and prescribing his gesture in smiling, his apparaile, &c., and then when he came to practife making him beleeve they tooke him to be mad.

* * * * *

Vpon a tyme when Burbidge played Rich. 3. there was a Citizen gaene foe farr in liking with him, that before shee went from the play shee appointed him to come that night unto hir by the name of Ri: the 3. Shakespeare overhearing their conclusion went before, was intertained, and at his game ere Burbedge came. Then message being brought that Rich. the 3^d was at the dore, Shakespeare caufed returne to be made that William the Conquerour was before Rich. the 3. Shakespere's name William. (*Mr. Curle ?*)

Diary of John Manningham, of the Middle Temple, and of Bradbourne, Kent, Barrister-at-Law, 1602-1603. Harl. MS. 5353, fos. 12 bk, 29 bk. Edited by John Bruce, for the Camden Society, 1868, pp. 18 and 39.

[Rev. J. Hunter in his *New Illustrations of Shakespeare*, 1845, vol. i. pp. 391, 393, tells us that there were two Italian plays bearing the title *Gl'Inganni* (The Cheats), one by Nicholas Secchi, printed in 1562, the other by C. Gonzaga, 1592. A third, a comedy entitled *Gl'Ingannati*, 1585, is the nearest of all to Shakespere's *Twelfth Night*. L. T. S.]

As to the second extract, we will add to it one from John Earle's *Micro-cosmographie; or, a Pece of the world discovered in Essayes and characters*, 1628, 22. *A Player*. (sign. E 4):

"The waiting women Spectators are over-eares in love with him, and Ladies send for him to act in their Chambers,"

only remarking that the difference of rank between ladies and citizen's wives was strongly marked in those days.

The story is given on the authority of "*Mr. Curle*," i. e. the Mr. E. Curle whom Manningham so often cites. But the name has been tampered with in the MS. (fo. 29 b), to make it appear *Toole* (or *Tooly*, the actor). A dark line has been drawn over the top of the C, to suggest a T; and similar touches are seen in the two succeeding letters. Accordingly Mr. J. P. Collier (*History of Eng. Dramatic Poetry*, I, 332) gives the name as *Tooly*. Mr. John Bruce, reading the name so touched up, gives it as *Touse*, a name which does occasionally occur in the *Diary*. He again mistakes the name on the next page.

The same story, in a somewhat different shape, is quoted by Mr. Halliwell from the Saunders Manuscript. (*Life of Shakespeare*, 1848, p. 196-7, note.)

W. J., 1601.

I dare here speake it, and my speach mayntayne,
 That Sir Iohn Falstaffe was not any way
 More grosse in body, then you are in brayne.
 But whether should I (helpe me nowe, I pray)
 For your grosse brayne, you like I. Falstaffe graunt,
 Or for small wit, suppoſe you Iohn of Gaunt ?

*The Whipping of the Satyre. 1601, sign. D 3. 12mo. [At
 Bridgewater House, and Crynes 865 (Bodl. Libr.).]*

Mr. J. P. Collier (*New Particulars, &c.*, 1836, p. 68) remarks on this allusion, "'Small wit' means here *weak understanding*, which certainly is not a characteristic of Shakespeare's John of Gaunt." But W. J. does not make "small wit" a characteristic of John of Gaunt, any more than he makes "gross brain" a characteristic of Sir John Falstaffe. All he does is, with a humorous pun on *gross*, and with another on *gaunt* (*i. e.* John of Gaunt, John the thin), to suppose a fanciful proportion between the body and the mind.

Anonymous, 1601-2.

Ingeniofo. What's thy judgment of * * * *William Shakespeare.*

Judicio. Who loves *Adonis* love, or *Lucre's* rape,
His sweeter verfe contains hart robbing life,
Could but a graver subject him content,
Without loves foolifh lazy languifhment.

Act I. sc. i.

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Kempe. Few of the univerfity pen plaies well, they fmell too much of that writer *Ovid*, and that writer *Metamorphofis*, and talke too much of *Proferpina* & *Iuppiter*. Why heres our fellow *Shakespeare* puts them all downe, I and *Ben Jonfon* too. O that *Ben Jonfon* is a peffilent fellow, he brought up *Horace* giving the Poets a pill, but our fellow *Shakespeare* hath given him a purge that made him beray his credit :

Burbage. Its a fhrewd fellow indeed : I wonder thefe fchollers ftay fo long, they appointed to be here prefently that we might try them : oh, here they come.

* * * * *

Bur. I like your face, and the proportion of your body for *Richard the 3.* I pray, *M. Phil.* let me fee you act a litle of it.

Philomufus. " Now is the winter of our difcontent,
Made glorious fummer by the fonne of Yorke."

Act IV. sc. v.

The Returne from Parnassus ; or the Scourge of Simony. 1606, sign.
B 2, back ; G 2, bk ; G 3, bk. [4to.]
(Reprinted in *Mr. Arber's English Scholar's Library*, 1879.)

Judicio's censure on Shakespeare's Poems is reiterated by John Davies of Hereford : see after, p. 96 ; and justified by Peele, Machin, Heywood, and Freeman : see pp. 75, 80, 81, and 106.

If we except such anthologies as Allot's *England's Parnassus*, Bodenham's *England's Helicon*, and his *Belvedere*, all issued in 1600, we may venture on the assertion that these two lines from *Richard III* constitute the earliest acknowledged quotation from Shakespeare.¹

The passage, "O that Ben Jonson is a pestilent fellow ; he brought up Horace, giving the poets a pill ;" alludes to Jonson's *Poetaster*, Act V, sc. iii (1602). The subsequent remark, "but our fellow Shakespeare hath given him a purge, that made him beray his credit," is mysterious. Where did our bard put Jonson to his purgation ? Assuredly neither Stephano nor Malvolio could have been a caricature of Jonson, who was neither a sot nor a gull. [On the other hand Dr. Nicholson points out that Malvolio is gulled solely through his overweening vanity, the very characteristic of Jonson, and thinks that there is no character in Shakespere which, in various ways, so well stands for Jonson. L. T. S.]

Two imprints of *The Returne from Parnassus* were published in 1606. We have followed the text of the second : the first omits the word "lazy" in the sixth line. [Though the date of publication is 1606, it was probably written and acted at Christmas, or New Year, 1601-2. Mr. Arber has gone carefully into this point, and shows (in his reprint, 1879) that several contemporary references point to this. In the scene of the examination on the almanac [sign. E, back] C and D are taken as the dominical letters ; now D and C are the letters for the year between 25 March, 1601, and 24 March, 1602 (1601-2, old style). In other scenes (sign. F 3 and E 4, back) we have references to Ostend and to the Irish troubles ; the siege of Ostend by the Spaniards began 5 July, 1601 ; the English succours arrived there under General Vere, 23 July, 1601 ; General Vere departed on 7 March, 1602 (new style). (See *A True Historie of the Memorable Siege of Ostend*. Translated from the French by Ed. Grimeston. London, 1604. pp. 6, 7, 139.) The fighting in Ireland extended over several years, but the references to the queen scattered through the play fix it to a date before her death, which occurred in March, 1603. The date of this play is important, in its bearings upon the relations between Shakespere and Ben Jonson. See APPENDIX A, *Mistaken Allusions, Jonson's Poetaster*. L. T. S.]

¹ But parodies on well-known lines and unacknowledged quotations occur several times before this date, as in Greene, 1592 ; Meres, 1598 ; Marston, 1598 ; Nicholson, 1600. (See before, pp. 2, 24, 29, 33.) [L. T. S.]

THOMAS DECKER, 1602.

Ad Lectorem.

Instead of the Trumpets sounding thrice, before the Play begin: it shall not be amisse (for him that will read) first to beholde this short Comedy of Errors, and where the greatest enter, to give them instead of a hisse, a gentle correction.

(Sign. A 4, back.)

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Horace. I have a set of letters readie starcht to my hands, which to any fresh suited gallant that but newlie enters his name into my rowle, I send the next morning, ere his ten a clocke dreame has rize from him, * * * we must have false fiers to amaze these spangle babies, these true heires of Ma. Justice Shallow.

Asinius. I wod alwaies have thee sawce a foole thus.

Satiro-Mastix, or the untrussing of the Humorous Poet. 1602,
 sign. E 3. [4to.]

[Decker places three things at the beginning of this play, a few Latin lines *Ad Dtractorem*, an address "To the World," and a list of errata headed by the above witty lines *Ad Lectorem*.

A slight allusion to *Henry IV.* (See before, p. 31, note.)

The *Comedy of Errors* (written ? 1589, Furnivall; or 1591, Dowden) was first published in the First Folio of 1623. L. T. S.]

* THOMAS MIDDLETON, 1602.

Fontinelle. Lady, bid him whose heart no sorrow feels
Tickle the rushes with his wanton heels :
I've too much lead at mine.

(Act I. sc. i ; sign. A 4, back.)

Camillo. And when the lamb bleating doth bid good night
Unto the closing day, then tears begin
To keep quick time unto the owl, whose voice
Shrieks like the belman in the lover's ears.

(Act III. sc. i ; sign. E.)

Blurt, Master Constable, or the Spaniard's Night-walker, 1602.

[Middleton's sorrowful Frenchman, bidden to dance, closely follows the expression in *Romeo and Juliet*, Act I. sc. iv,

"Let wantons, light of heart

Tickle the senseless rushes with their heels."

The second extract might, as Dyce says, recall the line in *Macbeth*, Act II, sc. ii,

"It was the owl that shriek'd, the fatal belman
Which gives the stern'st good night."

But *Macbeth* was probably written later, in 1606. Another play by Decker and Middleton jointly, bears traces of Shakespere's influence. *The Honest Whore*, 1604, has a passionate passage which seems moulded on that speech of Constance in *King John*, Act III, sc. i, which begins, "A wicked day, and not a holyday." It runs:—

"Curst be that day for ever that robb'd her
Of breath and me of bliss ! henceforth let it stand
Within the wizard's book, the calendar,
Mark'd with a marginal finger, to be chosen
By thieves, by villains, and black murderers,
As the best day for them to labour in.
If henceforth this adulterous, bawdy world
Be got with child with treason sacrilege,
Atheism, rapes, treacherous friendship, perjury,
Slander, the beggar's sin, lies, sin of fools,
Or any other damn'd impieties,
On Monday let 'em be deliver'd."

(*Middleton's Works*, ed Dyce, 1840, vol. iii, p. 9.)

Two or three other lines in the same play contain phrases made use of by Shakespere ; Reed believed that Shakespere imitated Middleton in *Othello*, Act III, sc. iii, l. 341. See Dyce, vol. iii, p. 56, also pp. 79, 213. See also after, Appendix B, as to Middleton's *Witch*. L. T. S.]

T[HOMAS] A[CHERLEY], 1602.

Whilft that my glory midft the clouds was hid,
Like to a Jewell in an Æthiop's eare.

The Massacre of Money. 1602. Sign. B 2.

[In his poem Acherley here borrowed an idea and a line from *Romeo and Juliet* :

“O, she doth teach the torches to burn bright !
It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night
Like a rich jewel in an Ethiope's ear.” *Act I. sc. v.*

L. T. S.]

*MICHAEL DRAYTON, 1603.

Such one he was, of him we boldly say,
 In whose rich soule all soveraigne powers did sute,
 In whom in peace th' elements all lay
 So mix'd as none could soveraignty impute,
 As all did governe, yet all did obey,
 His lively temper was so absolute,
 That t' seemd when heaven his modell first began,
 In him it showd perfection in a man.

*The Barrons Wars in the raigne of Edward the
 second, 1603. Stanza 40, p. 61.*

[The *Barons Wars* was an enlargement of *Mortimeriados*, an historical poem published by Drayton in 1596, and the above passage is one among the fresh additions. In four following editions the stanza remained unchanged, but in that of 1619, canto 3, stanza 40, he altered it thus :

“ He was a Man (then boldly dare to say)
 In whose rich Soule the Vertues well did sute,
 In whom, so mix'd, the Elements all lay,
 That none to one could Sou'raigntie impute,
 As all did gouerne, yet did all obay ;
 He of a temper was so absolute,
 As that it seem'd, when Nature him began,
 She meant to shew all, that might be in Man.”

(I am unable to see a copy of the edition of 1619, but give this on the authority of Mr. Aldis Wright.)

Julius Caesar was produced by 1601 (as fixed by Weever's *Mirror of Martyrs*, before, p. 42), and these lines nearly resemble the description of Brutus, —

“ His life was gentle, and the elements
 So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up
 And say to all the world ‘ This was a man.’ ”—*Act V. sc. v.*

But though some have supposed that Drayton here borrowed from Shakespeare, Mr. Aldis Wright, supported by Mr. Grant White, has pointed out that "the old physiological notion of the four humours which entered into the composition of man, their correspondence to the four elements, and the necessity of an equable mixture of them to produce a properly-balanced temperament, was so familiar to writers of Shakespeare's day that in giving expression to it they could hardly avoid using similar if not identical language." (Clarendon Press edition of *Julius Caesar*, 1878, pp. vii, 203.) This is well illustrated by Mercury's description of Crites in a play of Ben Jonson's, acted in 1600—"A creature of a most perfect and divine temper. One, in whom the humours and elements are peaceably met, without emulation of precedencie: * * in all, so compos'd and order'd, as it is cleare, *Nature* went about some full work, she did more than make a man, when she made him." (*Cynthia's Revells*, Act II, sc. iii.) Many examples confirming the same thing are given in Skeat's Notes to *Piers Plowman*, Part IV, pp. 216, 217, Early English Text Society, 1877; and in the Note to Tale XXXV. (Add. MS. 9066) of *Gesta Romanorum*, ed. Herrtage, E. E. T. S., 1879.

See other instances of similar concurrence of Shakesperian phraseology, after, I. M., 1623, *note*. L. T. S.]

* HENRY CHETTLE, 1603.

Nor doth the silver tonged *Melicert*,
 Drop from his honied muse one fable teare
 To mourne her death that graced his defert,
 And to his laies opene her Royall eare.
 Shepheard, remember our *Elizabeth*,
 And sing her Rape, done by that *Tarquin*, Death.

Englandes Mourning Garment. [Anon. n.d. (1603.)
 4to.] sign. D 3.
 Reprinted in *Allusion-Books, I*, New Sh. Soc., 1874,
 pp. xiii, 98.

Strictly speaking, *Englandes Mourning Garment* is undated and anonymous. But *The order and proceeding at the Funerall, &c.* (which follows the main work), has the date of Queen Elizabeth's burial, "28 of April, 1603;" and the postscript thereto, "To the Reader," is signed "Hen: Chettle."

It is probable that Chettle had more rhyme than reason in calling Shakespeare *Melicert*. No allusion could have been intended to the story of Palæmon.

Anonymous, 1603.

You Poets all brave *Shakſpeare, Johnson, Greene,*
 Beſtow your time to write for Englands Queene.
 Lament, lament, lament you Engliſh Peeres,
 Lament your loſſe poſſeſt ſo many yeeres.
 Returne your ſongs and Sonnets and your ſayes :
 To ſet forth ſweete *Elizabeth[a]*'s praiſe.
 Lament, lament, &c.

*A mourneful Dittie, entituled Eliabeth's loſſe, together with a
 welcome for King James. [Anon. n.d. Heber Collection of
 Ballads and Broadſides in poſſeſſion of S. Chriſtie Miller : ſee
 Shakespere Alluſion-Books, p. 117 (New Shakſpere Society, 1876).]*

The Green mentioned here is Thomas Green, not the more famous Robert.
 The author of this ballad is unknown. It was firſt noticed by Mr. J. P.
 Collier in his Edition of Shakespeare, 1844, vol. i, p. cxciv, note.

*I. C., 1603.

Of *Helens* rape and *Troyes* befeiged *Toune*,
 Of *Troylus* faith, and *Creffids* falfitie,
 Of *Rychards* stratagem for the english crowne,
 Of *Tarquins* lust, and lucrece chafititie,
 Of these, of none of these my muse nowe treats,
 Of greater conquests, warres, and loves she speaks.

Saint Marie Magdalens Conversion. 1603, sign. A 3. [4to.]

[These lines, cast in the same mould as Chester's, before, p. 44, contain a more certain allusion to Shakespere than these, inasmuch as they may refer to three of his works. *Troilus and Cressida* is believed to have been out in 1603, though not printed till 1609 (Dowden's *Sh. Primer*, 127, 128). *Richard III* was first printed in 1597, *Lucrece* in 1594. L. T. S.¹

JOHN DAVIES OF HEREFORD, 1603.

*Players, I love yee, and your Qualitie,
 As ye are Men, that pass time not abus'd:
 And 'some I love for 'painting, poesie,
 And say fell Fortune cannot be excus'd,
 That hath for better uses you refus'd:
 Wit, Courage, good shape, good partes, and all good,
 As long as al these goods are no worfe us'd,
 And though the stage doth staine pure gentile blood,
 Yet 'generous yee are in minde and moode.*

c W. S. R. B.
 d Simondides
 mith, that paint-
 ing is a dumb
 Poesy, & Poesy
 a speaking
 painting.

Roscus was
 said for his ex-
 cellency in his
 quality, to be
 only worthe
 to come on
 the stage, and
 for his hone-
 sty to be more
 worthy then to
 come thereon.

*Microcosmos. The Discovery of the Little World,
 with the Government thereof. 1603, p. 215. [4to.]
 Reprinted by Rev. A. B. Grosart, in the Chertsey
 Worthies Library, 1878.*

Just as Drusus and Roscio are associated by Marston (see before, p. 27), so here we find W. S. and R. B. [Shakespeare and Richard Burbage] in company; and the text of both passages is sufficiently explicit to show whom Davies had in mind. Possibly, too, in the former he had been thinking of Hamlet's description of the player's vocation.

WILLIAM CAMDEN, 1603.

These may suffice for some Poeticall descriptions of our ancient Poets ; if I would come to our time, what a world could I present to you out of Sir *Philipp Sidney*, *Ed. Spencer*, *Samuel Daniel*, *Hugh Holland*, *Ben. Johnson*, *Th. Campion*, *Mich. Drayton*, *George Chapman*, *John Marston*, *William Shakespeare*, and other most pregnant witts of these our times, whom succeeding ages may justly admire.

Remaines concerning Britaine (1st edition). 1605. [4to.]
Poems, p. 8.

[The Epistle Dedicatorie is dated "From my Lodging xii Iunii, 1603. Your worships assured M. N." Though Camden did not publish his *Remaines* till 1605, he must have had it in manuscript before he could get his friend "M. N." in 1603 to write an Epistle dedicatory for it. L. T. S.]

* T. M., 1604.

Whereupon entered master Bursebell, the royal scrivener, with deeds and writings hanged, drawn, and quartered for the purpose * * * (p. 569.) Well, this ended, master Bursebell, the calves'-skin scrivener, was royally handled, that is, he had a royal put in his hand by the merchant. And now I talk of calves'-skin, 'tis great pity, lady Nightingale, that the skins of harmless and innocent beasts should be as instruments to work villany upon, entangling young novices and foolish elder brothers, which are caught like woodcocks in the net of the law . . . : . (p. 572.)

* * * * *

I appeared to my captain and other commanders, kissing my left hand, which then stood for both (like one actor that plays two parts) * * Nevertheless, for all my lamentable action of one arm, like old Titus Andronicus, I could purchase no more than one month's pay for a ten month's pain and peril (p. 590.)

Father Hubburd's Tales: or the Ant, and the Nightingale.
1604. [Second edition, 4to.]

Reprinted among the Works of Thomas Middleton by Rev. A. Dyce, 1840, Vol. V, pp. 547-603, from which these extracts are taken.

[The second edition of this tract (copies of which are in Bridgewater House, and in Malone's collection in the Bodleian) was "*Printed by T. C. for William Cotton, and are to be solde at his Shop neare adjoyning to Ludgate.*" "The first edition," says Mr. Dyce, "in which several verses and the whole of 'The Ants Tale when he was a scholar' are omitted, made its appearance during the same year in 4to, entitled *The Ant and the Nightingale: or Father Hubburds Tales. London Printed by T. C. for Bro. Bushell, and are to be solde by Jeffrey Chalton, at his Shop at the North doore of Paules.* * *

"Mr. J. P. Collier (*Bridgewater House Catalogue*, p. 199 [see *Bibl. Cat.* i, 537]) mentions it as the *second* edition; but a careful examination of both the impressions has convinced me that it is the *first*" (vol. v. p. 549). Dyce assigns the tract to Thomas Middleton on account of "expressions which remind us strongly of his dramatic dialogue" (Preface, vol. i. p. xviii), as well as the signature T. M. Mr. W. C. Hazlitt thinks the author was

Thomas Moffat. But if Mr. J. P. Collier is right in identifying T. Moffat of the poem on *Silkworms* in 1599 with Dr. Mouffet, and this Dr. Mouffet is the man that wrote the *Theater of Tracts* in Topsell's *Fourfooted Beasts* and dedicated it to Q. Elizabeth (see Rowland's preface), then the style of these books shows he is not our T. M.

The first passage, referring to a scene at the lawyer Prospero's, where a young man had signed away his estate, may perhaps be taken as a recollection of Cade's speech in 2 *Henry VI*, Act IV, sc. ii.—

"*Dick*. The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers.

Cade. Nay, that I mean to do. Is not this a lamentable thing, that of the skin of an innocent lamb should be made parchment! that parchment, being scribbled o'er, should undo a man? Some say the bee stings; but I say 'tis the bee's wax, for I did but seal once to a thing, and I was never mine own man since."

On the second passage, that on *Titus Andronicus*, Dyce says: "See the tragedy so called, which, though now printed among the works of Shakespeare, was assuredly written by some other dramatist—probably, by Marlowe. In Act III, sc. i, Aaron cuts off the hand of Titus; and in Act V, sc. ii, the latter says,

"How can I grace my talk,

Wanting a hand to give it action!"

The *Tales* have other passages which may possibly be echoes of Shakespeare, but most likely are not: the poet's "carnation silk riband" and the "remuneration" he did not get, p. 602, have these terms in common with Costard's "How much carnation ribbon may a man buy for a remuneration?" *L. L. Lost*, III, i.

"kings in that time

Hung jewels at the ear of every rhyme," p. 599,

may refer to Romeo's rhapsody; the battle and "points . . . once let down" to Poins's joke on Falstaff in 1 *Henry IV*, II. iv. 238-9: "the submissive flexure of the knee," p. 566, to Henry V's "flexure & low bending" (IV. i. 272), and Hamlet's "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee," &c., but all these were no doubt common to the Elizabethan world. And we surely cannot adopt the suggestion (*Athenæum*, Sept. 14, 1878) that the passage on p. 374, praising the *nest* of boy-actors at the Blackfriars,¹ was a recollection of the "aery of children" sneered at by Shakespeare (in a passage of *Hamlet* not in the Quartos, but first printed in 1623), when we find that T. M. applies the term *nest* also to "a nest of ants," who typify man (p. 562), "a whole nest of pinching bachelors," p. 577, and "my honest nest of ploughmen," p. 580. F. J. F.]

¹ "if his humour so serve him, to call in at the Blackfriars, where he should see a nest of boys able to ravish a man," p. 574. [Compare, too, Jonson's "nest of antiques," *Bartholomew Fair*, Induction, leaf 3. L. T. S.]

SIR WALTER COPE, 1604.

Sir,

I have sent and bene all thys morning huntynge for players Juglers & Such kinde of Creaturs, but fynde them harde to finde, wherfore Leaving notes for them to seeke me, burbage ys come, & Sayes they ys no new playe that the quene hath not seene, but they have Revyved an olde one, Cawled *Loves Labore lost*, which for wytt & mirthe he sayes will please her excedingly. And Thys ys apointed to be playd to Morowe night at my Lord of Sowthamptons, unles yow send a wrytt to Remove the Corpus Cum Caua to your howse in frande. Burbage ys my meffenger Ready attendynge your pleafure.

Yours most humbly,

WALTER COPE.

Letter dated "From your Library," written by Sir Walter Cope, addressed "To the right honorable the Lorde Vycount Cranborne at the Courte." Endorsed: 1604, Sir Walter Cope to my Lord. Hatfield House MSS. See Third Report of the Royal Commission of Historical Manuscripts. 1872. p. 148.

[“The quene” here mentioned is Anne of Denmark, the Queen of James I. *Loves Labours Lost* was first published in 1598 (4to.), “newly corrected and augmented.” It is supposed by many critics to be Shakespere's first play, written about 1588-90. L. T. S.]

I. C., 1604 *circa*.

- Who'e're will go unto the presse may see,
 The hated Fathers of vilde balladrie :
 One sings in his bafe note the River Thames
 4 Shal found the famous memory of noble king *James* ;
 Another sayes that he will, to his death,
 Sing the renowned worthinesse of sweet *Elizabeth*,
 So runnes their verfe in such difordered fraine,
 8 And with them dare great majesty prophane,
 Some dare do this ; some other humbly craves
 For helpe of Spirits in their sleeping graves,
 As he that calde to *Shakespeare, Iohnson, Greene*,
 12 To write of their dead noble Queene ;
 But he that made the Ballads of oh hone,
 Did wondrous well to whet the buyer on :
 These fellowes are the flauderers of the time,
 16 Make ryming hatefull through their bastard rime.
 But were I made a judge in poetry,
 They all should burne for their vilde herefie.

*Epigrames. Served out in 52 severall Dishes for every man to tast
 without surfeting. (From Malone's Copy in the Bodleian Library.)
 Epig. 12, sign. B. [n. d. 12mo.]*

The compiler is indebted to Mr. J. O. Halliwell-Phillipps for this curious epigram, which was overlooked by Malone's continuator. Malone saw in this epigram an allusion to *Englandes Mourning Garment*. (See p. 55.)

[It is difficult to fix the date of the epigram. Line 4, speaking of the "famous memory" of James, seems to point to the time of his death, March 1625 ; but the printer of the volume, G. Elde, died before 13th November, 1624. Line 11 refers to the *Mournful Dittie*, before, p. 56, and this, coupled with the possible reference to *England's Mourning Garment*, and with the appearance of ballads on the death of Essex (1601-2), containing the burden of O hone !, make it probable that 1604 is the approximate date. See *Allusion-Books*, I, New Sh. Soc. pp. xxi, 122, note. L. T. S.]

ANTHONY SCOLOKER, 1604.

It¹ should be like the *Never-too-well read Arcadia*, where the *Prose* and *Verge* (*Matter* and *Words*) are like his *Mistresses* eyes, one still excelling another and without Corivall: or to come home to the vulgars *Element*, like *Friendly Shakespeare's Tragedies*, where the *Commedian* rides, when the *Tragedian* stands on Tip-toe: Faith it should please all, like Prince *Hamlet*. But in fadness, then it were to be feared he would runne mad: Insooth I will not be moone-sicke, to please: nor out of my wits though I displeas'd all.

(*Epistle to the Reader.*

* * * *

[Daiphantus in love] To quench his thirst:
Runs to his Inke-pot, drinkes, then stops the hole,
And thus growes madder, then he was at first.
Tasso, he finds, by that of *Hamlet*, thinks
Teames him a mad-man than of his Inkhorne drinks.
Calls Players fooles, the foole he judgeth wisest,
* * * *

Puts off his cloathes; his shirt he onely weares,
Much like mad-*Hamlet*; thus as Passion teares.

(*sign. E 4, back*)

Daiphantus, or the Passions of Love. 1604. [4to.] Reprinted for the Roxburghe Club in 1818.

¹ "It," that is, an "Epistle to the Reader," should be like, &c.

[The last two lines give a curious glimpse of how Hamlet appeared on the stage in Shakespere's day; the writer probably means that he wore nothing over his shirt, or, as we should say, appeared "in his shirt-sleeves." L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1604.

Sig. Shuttlecock.

Now *Signiors* how like you mine Host? did I not tell you he was a madde round knave, and a merrie one too: and if you chance to talke of fatte Sir *John Old-castle*, he wil tell you, he was his great Grandfather, and not much unlike him in Paunch if you marke him well by all descriptions.

The Meeting of Gallants at an Ordinarie: or, The Walkes in Powles. 1604, sign. B 4, back. [Unique copy in Bodleian Library. Edited for the Percy Society by J. O. Halliwell, in Early English Poetry, vol. v. 1841, p. 16.]

See as to Oldcastle and Falstaff, *note*, after, p. 269.

JOHN MARSTON, 1604.

[Enter Mendoza]

Celfo Hee's heere.*Malevole* Give place.*Illo, ho, ho, ho!* arte there, old true peny? [Exit Celfo.Where haft thou spent thy felfe this morning? I see flattery in
thine eyes, and damnation i' thy soule. Ha ye huge Rascal!*The Malcontent*, Act III. Sc. iii.

Cf. *Hamlet*, I. v. ll. 118, 150. [This and similar quotations show the fame and reputation of Shakespere, being popularly known lines quoted or imitated for the purpose of causing a good-humoured laugh at their misappropriation. Malone (vol. ii. p. 356) long ago said that Marston has in many places imitated Shakespere, and that this is the case, any one, with a previous moderate knowledge of Shakespere, who reads his plays, will at once acknowledge. B. N.] (See note after, p. 77. See other extracts from Marston, pp. 27, 29 : also Appendix B.)

[Two editions of *The Malcontent* appeared in 1604, the second augmented by Marston, with an Induction by Webster. The above quotation is from the first edition.

In Webster's *Induction* Sly begins a speech, much like Osric in *Hamlet* (Act V. sc. ii), with the phrase, "No, in good faith, for mine ease."

Hamlet was entered on the Stationers' Register in July, 1602, but was not printed (quarto) till 1603. See, however, Gabriel Harvey's note, before, p. 30. L. T. S.]

Anonymous. About 1605.

Get thee to London, for if one man were dead, they will have much neede of such a one as thou art. There would be none in my opinion fitter then thyselfe to play his parts: my conceipt is such of thee, that I durst venture all the mouny in my purse on thy head, to play Hamlet with him for a wager. There thou shalt learne to be frugall (for Players were never so thriftie as they are now about London) & to feed upon all men, to let none feede upon thee; to make thy hand a stranger to thy pocket, thy hart slow to performe thy tongues promise: and when thou feelest thy purse well lined, buy thee some place or Lordship in the Country, that growing weary of playing, thy mouny may there bring thee to dignitie and reputation. * * *

Sir, I thanke you (quoth the Player) for this good counsell, I promise you I will make use of it, for, I have heard indeede, of some that have gone to London very meanly, and have come in time to be exceeding wealthy.

Ratseis Ghost, or the second Part of his madde Prankes and Robberies. [n.d. 4to. Unique copy in the Althorp Library. Sign. B 1.]

[This tract bears no date, but it is found in a volume of contemporary binding with several other tracts of 1603, 1604, and 1605. L. T. S.]

Here, too, we find Burbage and Shakespere associated, as they were by Marston and by Davies: "if one man were dead" identifies the former; while, "some that have gone to London," &c., unmistakably points to the latter.

We might have quoted as a pendant to this extract the following from *The Returne from Pernassus*, 1606 (played 1602, see before, p. 49) :

Studiofo. Fayre fell good *Orpheus*, that would rather be
King of a mole hill, then a Keysars slave :
Better it is mongst fidlers to be chiefe,
Then at [a] plaiers trencher beg reliefe.
But ist not strange this mimick apes should prize
Unhappy Schollers at a hireling rate.
Vile world, that lifts them up to hye degree,
And treades us downe in groveling misery.
England affordes those glorious vagabonds,
That carried earst their fardels on their backes,
Coursers to ride on through the gazing streetes,
Sooping it in their glaring Satten sutes,
And Pages to attend their maisterships :
With mouthing words that better wits have framed,
They purchase lands, and now Esquiers are made.
Philomusus. What ere they seeme being even at the best,
They are but sporting fortunes scornfull jests.
Stud. So merry fortune is wont from ragges to take,
Some ragged grome, and him some gallant make.

(Actus 5, scena 1 ; Sign. G 4, back.)

[But Shakespere never was an Esquire, he was in his Will plain *William Shackspeare gentleman*. (See for example the extract from Edm. Howes, 1614.) In his day the distinction was real. See Sir Thomas Smith, quoted in *Transactions of New Sh. Soc.*, 1877-9, Part I, pp. 103, 104. L. T. S.]

* GEO. CHAPMAN, BEN JONSON, J. MARSTON,
1605.

Enter Hamlet a foote-man in haste,

Ham. What Coachman? my Ladyes Coach for shame; her
ladiships readie to come downe.

Enter Potkinn, a Tankerd beare:

Pot. Sfoote *Hamlet*; are you madde? whether run you nowe,
you should brushe vp my olde *Mistresse*?

Enter Syndefye.

Syn. What *Potkinn*? you must put off your Tankerd and put
on your blew coat and waite upon *mistris Touchstone* into the
countrie. * *

Enter Mistress Fond & Mistresse Gazer.

Fond. Come sweete *Mistresse Gazer*, lets watch here, and tee
my Lady *Flashe* take coach. * * *

Fond. Shee comes, she comes, she comes.

Gaz. Fond. Pray heaven blesse your Ladiship.

Gyrtrude. Thanke you good people; my coach for the love of
heaven, my coach? in good truth I shall swoune else.

Ham. Coach? coach, my Ladyes coach.

* * * *

Gyr. I marle how my modest Sifter occupyes her
selfe this morning, that shee can not waite on me to my Coach,
as well as her mother!

Quick filver. Mary Madam, thee's married by this time to Prentife *Goulding*; your father, and some one more, stole to church with 'hem, in all the hafte, that the colde meate left at your wedding, might serve to furnish their Nuptial table.

Eastward Hoe, Act III, Sc. ii. 1605, sign. D and D i, back.

[The unusual name Hamlet,¹ the question "are you madde?", the frequent references to the coach (possibly in reference to the anachronism committed by Shakespere in making Ophelia call for her coach, Act IV. Sc. v), and the reference to the cold meate for the nuptial table, all seem to shew that Shakespere's *Hamlet* was here pointed at. *Eastward Hoe* was played by the Children of her Majesty's Revels, that "aery of children" of whom Rosen-crantz speaks, and who, by Shakespere's own confession, had driven his company to travel in the country. Syndefie's call upon Potkinn to wait upon Mistris Touchstone into the country may be the Children's out-cry of triumph at having thus beaten their rivals, a suggestion which gains its point from this, that Mistris Touchstone, the mother who has successfully helped her scheming daughter to marry above her station, is immediately turned upon by that daughter and made to defer to her. The only passages in which Marston might be said to sneer at Shakespere are these allusions to and parody on *Hamlet*, and a stage direction, also in *Eastward Hoe*, Act I. Sc. i., "Enter . . . Bettrice leading a Monkey after her." Bettrice is a dumb character, who never speaks nor does anything else. Hence Dr. B. Nicholson believes she is simply introduced to ridicule "Beatrice leading apes to Hell" in *Much Ado about Nothing*, and a dumb "Hero's Mother" in the same play. The name of Bettrice is never mentioned, and therefore she would be Bettrice to the spectators only because she would be dressed like Shakespere's Beatrice.

Eastward Hoe was "made by" Chapman, Jonson and Marston. It is quite probable therefore that these allusions were not from Marston's pen, they may be from Jonson's. L. T. S.]

¹ It is perhaps worth noting that Hamlet, as a Christian name, was otherwise not unknown in the sixteenth century. "Hamlet Rider" occurs in the Muster Roll of Calais, about 1533—1540. *Cotton MS. Faust. E VII, fo. 76* (in the British Museum).

WILLIAM DRUMMOND OF HAWTHORNDEN,
1606 & 1611.

Bookes red be me, anno 1606

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- Romeo and Julieta, tragedie. [1597, 1599.]
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- Loues Labors Loft, comedie. [1598.]
- * * * * *
- The Passionate Pilgrime [1599.]
- * * * * *
- The Rape of Lucrece [1594, 1598, 1600.]
- * * * * *
- A Midfommers Nights Dreame, comedie. [1600.]
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Table of my English bookes, anno 1611.

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- Venus and Adon. by Schaksp. [6th and 7th ed. 1602.]
- The Rap of Lucrece, idem. [two eds. in 1607]
- * * * * *
- The Tragedie of Romeo and Julieta
- * * * * * *4d. Ing*
- A Midfumers Night Dreame.

*Extracts from the Hawthornden Manuscripts, by David
Laing, Archæologia Scotica, vol. iv. Edinburgh.
1831-2. pp. 20, note, 21.*

[It is curious that after 1606, the first year in which Drummond gives a list of his year's readings, up to 1614 when they end, there is no other mention of Shakespere than those above. It is also curious, especially when one looks to the dates of the editions, that all should have been read (except the *V. and Ad.*) in the one year of 1606. B. N.] [Young Drummond was, however, staying in London in the summer of 1606, whence he went abroad, not returning till 1609, the bent of his studies would therefore naturally follow his place of residence for the time. (See *D. Masson's Life*, 1873, pp. 11, 14, 18.) He paid fourpence for *Romeo & Juliet*, the only one of Shakespere's books to which he marks a price. L. T. S.]

JOHN FLETCHER, 1607.

Count. Lazarello, bestirre thy selfe nimble and sodainly, and here me with patience.

Laza. Let me not fall from my selfe; speake I am bound to heare.

Count. So art thou to revenge, when thou shalt heare the fifth head is gone, and we know not whither.

(Act II. sc. i.)

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It comes againe; new apparitions,
And tempting spirits: Stand and reveale thy selfe,
Tell why thou followest me? I feare thee
As I feare the place thou camst from: Hell.

(Act III. sc. i.)

The Woman-Hater. 1607. [4to.] Sign. D 2, D 4.

[See the dialogue between the Ghost and Hamlet (*Hamlet*, I. sc. v.), two lines (6, 7) in which Fletcher has here quoted,—

“*Ham.* Speak; I am bound to hear.

Ghost. So art thou to revenge, when thou shalt hear.” L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1607.

Fabell. What means the toling of this fatall Chime,
O what a trembling horror strikes my heart !
My stiffened hayre stands vpright on my head,
As doe the bristles of a porcupine.

The Merry Diuel of Edmonton. 1617, sign. A 3, back.

[*Fabell* makes this exclamation at the approach of the evil spirit *Coreb*, with whom he has covenanted for his soul. So the ghost tells *Hamlet*—

“ I could a tale unfold whose lightest word
Would harrow up thy soul,” and make
“ each particular hair to stand on end
Like quills upon the fretful porcupine.” (*Act I. sc. v.*)

Evidently the author of the *Merry Diuel of Edmonton* had this in his mind, though he did not, like *Marston*, acknowledge that he made his puppet “speake play scrappes” (see after, p. 77).

The author of this play is unknown, though *Kirkman* (*Exact Catalogue of Comedies, &c.*, 1671, p. 9) attributed it to *Shakespeare*. It was entered on the Stationers' Register, 22 Oct. 1607, the first edition being printed in 1608. L. T. S.]

THOMAS DECKER, 1607.

Jupiter seeing *Plutus* disperfing his giftes, amongft none but his honeft brethren, strucke him (either in anger or envie) ftarke blind, fo that ever fince hee hath play'de the good fellowe, for now every gull may leade him up and downe like *Guy*, to make fports in any drunken affemblic, now hee regards not who thrufts his handes into his pockets, nor how it is fpend, a foole fhall have his heart nowe, as foone as a Phyfition: And an Affe that cannot fpell, goe laden away with double Duckets from his *Indian* ftorehoufe, when *Ibis Homere*, that hath layne fick feventeene yeeres together of the Vniverfitie plague, (watching and want), only in hope at the laft to finde fome cure, fhall not for an hundred waight of good Latine receive a two penny waight in filuer, his ignorance (arifing from his blindenes) is the onely caufe of this Comedie of errors.

A Knights Coniuring done in earnest: discovered in iest. 1607. Chapter VI., fign. F 4, back. Reprinted for the Percy Society, Early English Poetry, vol. v. pp. 52, 53.

[This may be taken as proof that the *Comedy of Errors* was at least still in mind in 1607. L. T. S.]

GEORGE PEELE, ? 1607.

How he served a Tapster.

George was making merry with three or foure of his friends in Pye-corner, where the Tapster of the house was much given to Poetry : for he had ingrossed the Knight of the Sunne, *Venus* and *Adonis*, and other Pamphlets which the stripling had collected together.

Merrie Conceited Jestes of George Peele. (Earliest known edition, 1607.)
[*Bodleian Lib Tanner* 734. p. 19. *Date cut off. Works, by Rev. A. Dyce, 1828. Vol. II. p. 213.*]

[It is believed that George Peele died in 1598. There is little doubt that the collection of "Merrie conceited Jestes" was published shortly after, though the earliest recorded edition is of 1607. The book is of little authority; Peele was a scholar, though a needy scrupulous man, and the use of his name to father such a book finds a parallel in a worse book assigned to the great Scottish scholar and statesman, George Buchanan. (See Dyce's edition of Peele's Works, 1828, vol. i. p. viii.) L. T. S.]

WILLIAM BARKSTEAD, 1607.

But stay my Muse in thine owne confines keepe,
 & wage not warre with so deere lov'd a neighbor,
 But having fung thy day fong, rest and sleepe
 preserve thy small fame and his greater favor:
 His Song was worthie merrit (*Shakspeare* hee)
 fung the faire blossome, thou the withered tree
Laurell is due to him, his art and wit
 hath purchast it, *Cypres* thy brow will fit.

Mirra, the Mother of Adonis; or Lustes Prodegies. 1607.
 Last stanza. [4to.] *In the Bodleian Lib.* (Malone, 393.)
 Reprinted by Dr. Grosart in *Poems of William Barksted,*
 1876, p. 65.

JOHN MARSTON, 1607.

Ha he mount[s] *Chirall* on the wings of fame.
 A horfe, a horfe, my kingdom for a horfe,
 Looke the I speake play scrappes.

What You Will. Act II. Sc. i. 1607,
sign. C i. [4to.]

[*Richard III*, Act V. sc. iv, l. 7. (See before, p. 29.) It is possible that the first line of this extract contains two printer's errors, "he" for "ile" (the old way of printing "I'll"), and *Chirall* for *Chevall*; the line would thus run,—

"Ha, Ile mount *Chevall* on the wings of fame."

The *s* would not then be required to help out "mount;" and Marston, mounting Pegasus in writing his Satire, naturally calls out for "A horse," &c. It should be noted, however, that the play is unusually well printed, in better type than many of the quartos of the time. L. T. S.]

W. S. 1607.

in stead of a Iester, weele ha the ghoft ith white sheete fit at
upper end a' th Table.

The Puritaine, or the Widdow of Walling-Streete.
1607, sign. H, back. [4to.]

A slight allusion to the ghost of Banquo in *Macbeth*.

Macbeth was probably written in 1605-6, though not printed till the first Folio of 1623.

[Mr. Fleay (*Shakespeare Manual*, 1876, p. 20) considers that *The Puritan* "is filled with allusions to Shakespere." He only instances, however, the above line, and a portion of Act IV. sc. iii, as being imitated from *Pericles*, Act III. sc. ii, the scene of the recovery of Thaisa. But we have no earlier date for *Pericles* than 1608, when it was entered on the Stationers' Register.

In Beaumont and Fletcher's *Knight of the Burning Pestle*, 1613 (written 1611), Jasper, personating his own ghost, threatens the Merchant,—

"When thou art at the Table with thy friends
Merry in heart, and fild with swelling wine,
Il'e come in midst of all thy pride and mirth,
Invisible to all men but thy selfe,
And whisper such a sad tale in thine eare,
Shall make thee let the Cuppe fall from thy hand."

(*Act V. sc. i; sign. I 3.*)

Mr. Aldis Wright points out that this too may be a reminiscence of the ghost of Banquo (*Macbeth*, *Clarendon Press Series*, p. viii). L. T. S.]

CAPTAIN KEELING, 1607.

September 5 [At "Serra Leona"] I sent the interpreter, according to his desier, aboard the Hector, wher he brooke fast, and after came aboard mee, wher we gave the tragedie of Hamlett.

[Sept.] 30. Captain Hawkins dined with me, wher my companions acted Kinge Richard the Second.

31. I envited Captain Hawkins to a ffishe dinner, and had Hamlet acted aboard me: w^{ch} I permitt to keepe my people from idlenes and unlawfull games, or fleepe.

Narratives of Voyages towards the North-West in search of a Passage to Cathay and India, 1496 to 1631. Edited by Thomas Rundall, for the Hakuyt Society, 1849, p. 231.

[The above extract is printed by Mr. Rundall from "the journal of the *Dragon* (Captain Keeling), bound with the *Hector* (Captain Hawkins) and the *Consent* towards the East Indies." The original was among the East India Manuscripts.

The first quarto of *Richard II* was published in 1597. L. T. S.]

THOMAS HEYWOOD, 1607.

Bowdler. I never read any thing but *Venus* and *Adonis*.

Cripple. Why thats the very quintessence of love,
If you remember but a verfe or two,
Ile pawne my head, goods, lands and all 'twill doe.

Bow. Why then, have at her.
Fondling I say, since I have hemd thee heere,
Within the circle of this ivory pale,
Ile be a parke.

Mall Berry. Hands off fond Sir.

Bow. —And thou shalt be my deere ;
Feede thou on me, and I will feede on thee,
And Love shall feede us both.

Mall. Feede you on woodcockes, I can fast awhile.

Bow. Vouchsafe thou wonder to alight thy steede.

Crip. Take heede, shees not on horsebacke.

Bow. Why then she is alighted.
Come sit thee downe where never serpent hiffes,
And, being fet, ile smother thee with kiffes.

The Fayre Mayde of the Exchange. 1607, sign. G 3. [4to.]

Heywood is quoting stanzas 39th and 3rd of *Venus and Adonis* ; but the lines—

“Feed thou on me, and I will feed on thee,
And love shall feed us both,”

are not Shakespeare's, but Heywood's parody ; and “Come, sit thee down,” is an error for “Here come and sit.” Machin also is quoting stanzas 39th and 3rd ; and he also misquotes from both : “on dale” should have been “in dale,” “when those mounts are” should have been “if those hills be,” and “Here sit thee down,” is inaccurate. That Shakespeare may have disseminated a first draft of his poem, differing from that known to us, is, perhaps, countenanced by the *varia lectiones* in the old copies of Shakespeare's Poems : especially considering that we know one stanza of the *Rape of Lucrece* (quoted in the *Second Period*, Sir J. Suckling, 1636) which is not only different, but in a different measure from ours.

JARVIS MARKHAM AND LEWIS MACHIN,
1608.

*Veloups.*¹ This is his chamber, lets enter, heeres his clarke.

President. Fondling, said he, since I have hem'd thee heere,
Within the circuit of this Ivory pale.

Drap. I pray you fir help us to the speech of your mafter.

Pre. Ile be a parke, and thou shalt be my Deere.

He is very busie in his study.

Feed where thou wilt, in mountaine or on dale;

Stay a while, he will come out anon.

Graze on my lips, and when those mounts are drie,

Stray lower, where the pleafant fountaines lie.

Go thy way thou best booke in the world.

Ve. I pray you, fir, what booke doe you read?

Pre. A book that never an Orators clarke in this kingdome
but is beholden unto; it is called maides philofophie, or *Venus*
and *Adonis*. Looke you, gentlemen, I have divers other pretty
bookes.

Drap. You are very well storde, fir; but I hope your mafter
will not stay long.

Pre. No, he will come presently. *Enter Meshant.*

Ve. Who have we heere? another Client sure, crows flock to
carkasses: O tis the lord *Meshant*.

Me. Save you, Gentlemen; fir is your mafter at any leasure?

Pre. Heere sit thee downe where never serpent hissē,

And being set ile smother thee with kisses.

His busineses yet are many, you must needs attend a while.

The Dumbe Knight. 1608, sign. F. [4to.]

We here find Machin quoting almost the same passages from *Venus and Adonis* as Heywood. See the last extract, p. 80.

* JOHN DAY, 1608.

Joculo. But Madam, doe you remember what a multitude of fishes we saw at Sea? and I doe wonder how they can all live by one another.

Emilia. Why foole, as men do on the Land, the great ones eate up the little ones.

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Polymetes. What ominous news can *Polimetes* daunt? Have we not Hyren heere?

Law Tricks, a comedy, 1608, signs. B 3 and F 2.

[Mr. A. H. Bullen (*Athenæum*, Sept. 21, 1878) points out that John Day here copies a part of the Fishermen's talk in *Pericles*, Act II. sc. i.—

“3 *Fish.* Master I marvel how the fishes live in the sea.

1. *Fish.* Why, as men do a-land, the great ones eat up the little ones.”

Pericles was entered on the Stationers' Register on 20 May, 1608*. Day's *Law Tricks* was entered on the Register 28 March, 1608.

George Wilkins' novel, *The Painfull Adventures of Pericles*, which appeared in the same year, “in great measure founded upon” Shakespere's play, says Dr. Dowden (*Shakespere Primer*, 1877, p. 145), gives the same passage in a different form, “Againe comparing our rich men to Whales, that make a great shew in the worlde, rowling and tumbling up and downe, but are good for little, but to sincke others : that the fishes live in the sea, as the powerfull on shoare, the great ones eate up the little ones.” (Prof. Mommsen's reprint, Oldenburg, 1857, p. 27. Fourth chapter.)

. Pistol's exclamation “Have we not Hiren here?” (2 *Hen. IV*, Act II. sc. iv.) is also used by Day; it seems to have been a popular “play-scrap,”

* *Pericles*, of which Shakespere probably wrote only the main parts of the last three acts, was printed in quarto in 1609 (twice), and was reprinted from the sixth quarto of 1635 in the second issue of the Third Folio of Shakespere's Plays, 1664. See Furnivall's *Introd. to the Leopold Shakespere*, 1877, p. lxxxviii (where 1644 is a misprint for 1664); and the *Cambridge Shakespere*, 1866, Vol. I, p. xxvii; vol. IX, p. ix.

one of the current phrases of the day ; Dyce considers that it was probably taken by Shakespere as well as by other writers from George Peele's lost drama, *The Turkish Mahomet and Hiren the Fair Greeke* (ed. of Shakespere, 1864, vol. iv. p. 344, note). Steevens gives the quotation as occurring in Massinger's *Old Law*, T. Heywood's *Love's Mistress*, and *Satiromastix* (Malone and Steevens' *Shakespere*, 1821, vol. xvii. p. 83). It is also found in Chapman, Jonson, and Marston's *Eastward Hoe*, Act II. sc. i, spoken by Quicksilver, who is constantly quoting scraps of plays. William Barksted published his Poem *Hiren, or the faire Greeke* in 1611. See Dr. Grosart's Reprint of the Poems of W. Barksted, 1876. L. T. S.]

JOHN DAVIES OF HEREFORD, 1609.

* Stage plaiers. Some followed her ¹ by *a^ctⁱng all mens parts,
 These on a Stage she raif'd (in scorne) to fall :
 And made them Mirrors, by their a^ctⁱng Arts,
 † Shewing the vices of the time. Wherin men saw their † faults, thogh ne'r so small :
 † W.S.R.B. Yet some she guerdond not, to their † defarts ;
 But, otherosome, were but ill-A^ctⁱon all :
 Who while they acted ill, ill staid behinde,
 (By custome of their maners) in their minde.

The Civile Warres of Death and Fortune, [being the "Second Tale" in the volume of which "Humours Heav'n on Earth" is the first]. 1609, p. 208, stanza 76. [sm. 8vo.]
Reprinted by Rev. A. B. Grosart in the Chertsey Worthies Library, 1876, p. 37.

¹ The "her" is Fortune. For W. S. and R. B., see John Davies, quoted before, p. 58.

SAMUEL ROWLANDS, 1609.

In a new mould this woman I will cast,
 Her tongue in other order I will keepe,
 Better she had bin in her bed asleepe,
 Then in a Taverne, when those words she spake ;
 A little paines with her I meane to take :
 For she shall find me in another tune,
 Between this February and next June :
 In sober sadnesse I do speake it now,
 And to you all I make a solemne vow,
 The chiefest Art I have I will bestow
 About a worke cald taming of the Shrow.

*Whole Crew of Kind Gossips. 1609. p. 33.
 Reprinted by the Hunterian Club, 1876.*

[This is part of the answer of the fifth of the "Six honest Husbands" who are all accused by their wives or "Gossips." He was "complained on by his wife to be a common Drunkard."

The old play of *The Taming of A Shrew*, on which Shakespere's play is founded, was printed in 1594 ; his play of the *Taming of the Shrew* was not printed till 1623, but it seems most likely to have been written not later than 1597. L. T. S.]

THOMAS THORPE, 1609.

TO . THE . ONLIE . BEGETTER . OF .
THESE . INSVING . SONNETS .

M^r . W . H . ALL . HAPPINESSE .

AND . THAT . ETERNITIE .

PROMISED .

BY .

OVR . EVER-LIVING . POET .

WISHETH .

THE . WELL-WISHING .

ADVENTVRER . IN .

SETTING .

FORTH .

T. T.

Shakespeare's Sonnets. 1609. [4to.] Dedication.

The entry of this edition of the Sonnets in the Stationers' Registers runs thus :

20 Maij [1609]

Thomas Thorpe. Entred for his copie under thandes of master. Wilson and master Lownes Warden a Booke called SHAKESPEARES sonnettes.

1609.

A never Writer to an ever Reader. NEWES.

Eternall reader, you have heere a new play, never stal'd with the Stage, never clapper-clawd with the palmes of the vulger, and yet passing full of the palme comicall; for it is a birth of your ^[that] braine, that never under-tooke any thing commicall, vainely: And were but the vaine names of commedies changde for the titles of Commodities, or of Playes for Pleas; you should see all those grand censors, that now stile them such vanities, flock to them for the maine grace of their gravities; especially this authors Commedies, that are so fram'd to the life, that they serve for the most common Commentaries of all the actions of our lives, shewing such a dexteritie and power of witte, that the most displeas'd with Playes, are pleas'd with his Commedies. And all such dull and heavy-witted worldlings, as were never capable of the witte of a Commedie, comming by report of them to his representations, have found that witte there, that they never found in themselves, and have parted better-wittied then they came; feeling an edge of witte set upon them, more than ever they dreamd they had braine to grinde it on. So much and such favoured salt of witte is in his Commedies, that they seeme (for their height of pleasure) to be borne in that sea that brought forth *Venus*. Amongst ^[Venus & Adonis] all there is none more witty then this: And had I time I would comment upon it, though I know it needs not, (for so much as will make you thinke your tefterne well bestowd) but for fo

much worth, as even poore I know to be stuf in it. It deserves such a labour, as well as the best Commedy in *Terence* or *Plautus*, And beleeeve this, that when hee is gone, and his Commedies out of iale, you will scramble for them, and fet up a new English Inquisition. Take this for a warning, and at the perrill of your pleasures losse, and Iudgements, refuse not, nor like this the lesse, for not being sullied, with the smoaky breath of the multitude; but thanke fortune for the scape it hath made amongst you. Since by the grand possessors wills, I beleeeve you should have prayd for them rather then beene prayd. And so I leave all such to bee prayd for (for the states of their wits healths) that will not praise it.—VALE.

Address prefixed to Troilus and Cressida. [Some copies only of the first issue of 1609. First 4to.]

[There is here an ingenious and delicate allusion, after the far-fetcht fashion of the day, to one of Shakespere's previous pieces, i. e. *Venus and Adonis*, when the writer speaks of Shakespere's comedies having so much of the salt of wit that they seem to be born in the sea that brought forth Venus. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1609.

Amazde I stood, to see a Crowd
 Of *Civill Throats* stretchd out so lowd ;
 (As at a *New-play*) all the Roomes
 Did swarme with *Gentiles* mix'd with *Groomes*,
 So that I truly thought all These
 Came to see *Shore* or *Pericles*.

*Pimlyco or Runne Red-Cap. Tis a mad world
 at Hogsdon. 1609. [4to.] Sign. C i, line 6.
 [Malone 299 (Bodl. Libr.)]*

The play referred to under the name of "Shore" may be one by Henry Chettle and John Day, circa 1599, entitled *Shore's Wife*. It is mentioned by Henslowe in his *Diary* (1603), Shakespeare Society's Edition, p. 251 ; Beaumont and Fletcher, in *The Knight of the Burning Pestle* (Induction, 1613, probably written 1611), speak also of a Play on the same story : the Wife says,—

"I was nere at one of these plays as they say, before ; but I should have seene *Jane Shore* once,"

and Christopher Brooke in *The Ghost of Richard the Third (His Legend)*:

"But now her fame by a vild play doth grow."

(*Fuller Worthies Library*, 1872, p. 94.) The play is not extant.

[The play referred to as "Shore" may be one by T. Heywood, printed in 1600, entitled *The first and second parts of King Edward the Fourth, &c.* It contains the whole history of Jane Shore. P. A. D.]

The first edition of *Pericles* came out in 1609. See before, p. 82.

BEN JONSON, 1609.

Morose. Your knighthood * * * shall not have hope to
repaire it selfe by *Constantinople, Ireland, or Virginia*; but the
best, & last fortune to it Knight-hood shall bee, to make *Doll
Teare-sheet, or Kate-Common* a Lady: & so, it Knight-hood may
eate.

Epicene; or, The Silent Woman, Act II. sc. v. end. 1609. [4to.]

[Doll Tear-sheet, of the Second Part of *Henry IV*, was long in the popular
mind. See extract from Ligon's *Voyage*, in 1657. L. T. S.]

EDMUND BOLTON, 1610.

The Choise of English. As for example, language & style (the apparell of matter) hee who would penn our affaires in English, and compose unto us an entire body of them, ought to have a singuler care ther of. For albeit our tongue hath not received dialects, or accentuall notes as the Greeke, nor any certaine or established rule either of gramer or true writing, is notwithstanding very copious, and fewe there be who have the most proper graces thereof, In which the rule cannot be variable: For as much as the people's judgments are uncertaine, the books also out of which wee gather the most warrantable English are not many to my remembrance, of which, in regard they require a particuler and curious tract, I forbear to speake at this present. But among the cheife, or rather the cheife, are in my opinion these.

S^r Thomas Moore's works

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George Chapmans first heaven books of Iliades.

Samuell Danyell.

Michael Drayton his Heroicall Epistles of England.

Marlowe his excellent fragment of Hero and Leander.

Shakespere, M^r Francis Beamont, & innumerable other writers for the stage; and preffe tenderly to be used in this Argument.

Southwell, Parfons, & some fewe other of that fort.

*[Hypercritica; or a Rule of Judgment for writing or reading our histories. Adresse the fourth.]*¹ § 11. *Concerning Historical language and Style. An Enumeration of the best Authors for written English. Rawlinson MSS. (Oxford), p. 13. D 1. (formerly Misc. 1.)*

¹ [The part of the title between [] is taken from Haslewood's reprint, it is not found in the MS.

Edmund Bolton's treatise long remained in manuscript, and was first

printed by Dr. Hall, in 1722, at the end of *Nic. Trivium Annalium Continuatio*. Mr. Joseph Haslewood reprinted it, together with what he considers the original outline of "Address the fourth" from the Rawlinson MS. This outline differs considerably from the printed text, in it Bolton could show his high opinion of Shakespere's language, and could press him and other stage writers into his service for "the most warrantable English;" but he thought differently when he wrote his fuller work, and the mention of Shakespere and Beaumont is there left out. (See Haslewood's *Ancient Critical Essays upon English Poets and Poesy*, 1815, vol. ii. pp. 221, 246.)

The date 1610 is given to *Hypercritica* on the authority of a note by Antony Wood; it might possibly be that of the outline, but is probably too early for the final version, in which he cites Bishop Montagu's edition of King James's works, which came out in 1616; he sums up the fourth address as "Prime Gardens for gathering English: according to the true Gage or Standard of the Tongue, about 15 or 16 years ago." L. T. S.]

HANS JACOB WURMSSER VON
VENDENHEYM, APRIL 30, 1610.

Lundi, 30. S. E[minence]. alla au Globe, lieu ordinaire ou l'on Joue les Commedies, y fut representé l'histoire du More de Venise.

Journal of Prince Lewis Frederick of Wirtemberg, Representative of the United German Princes to France and England, in 1610. Written by his Secretary Wurmsser. (British Museum. Add. MS. 20,001, fo. 9, back.) Printed in W. Brenchley Rye's England as seen by Foreigners. 1865. pp. xciv—xcix, cxii, & 61.

It is not improbable that "cosen garmombles" in the first quarto (1602) of the *Merry Wives of Windsor* (called "Cozen-Jermans" in other editions) is a direct reference to Count Mompelgard (in French Montbéliard), Duke of Wurtemberg, who visited England in 1592, and the visit of whose second son to the Globe Theatre is here recorded by his secretary.¹ In fact, Garmomble is Mombel-gar by metathesis; and the designation of the Duke as "cosen" is an evident allusion to Queen Elizabeth's letters to him. In the play the plural "cosen garmombles" seems to be a generic term for the suite of the Duke. In the compiler's opinion, Mr. W. B. Rye has perfectly identified the allusions in the *Introduction* of his capital work, *England as Seen by Foreigners*, 1865, p. lv; and a more interesting bit of Shakespearian illustration has never been recovered than the first visit of the Duke to London, Windsor, Maidenhead and Reading, in 1592. (See, also, Halliwell's reprint of the First Sketch of the *Merry Wives of Windsor*, for the Shakespeare Society, 1842, *Introduction*, pp. xii—xiv.)

¹ [It seems rather strong to call this a "direct reference" in a play published in 1602 to a visit which happened ten years before. Dr. Dowden, however, considers that "such an event would be remembered" (*Sk. Primer*, p. 104). Some think that Shakespere was alluding to a gang of cozeners or sharpers who may have been personating the Duke's followers. L. T. S.]

JOHN DAVIES OF HEREFORD, *About 1611.*

To our English Terence, Mr. Will.
Shake-speare.

Some say (good *Will*) which I, in sport, do sing,
Had'ft thou not plaid some Kingly parts in sport,
Thou hadft bin a companion for a *King* ;
And, beene a King among the meaner fort.
Some others raile ; but, raile as they thinke fit,
Thou haft no rayling, but, a raigning Wit :
And honesty thou sow'st, which they do reape ;
So, to increase their Stocke which they do keepe.

*The Scourge of Folly, consisting of Satyricall
Epigramms and others, &c. About 1611.
[8vo.] Epig. 159, p. 76.
Reprinted by Rev. A. B. Grosart, in the Chertsey
Worthies Library, Davies' Works, p. 26.*

The commencing lines may refer to a fact related in a letter from John Chamberlaine to Winwood, dated December 18, 1604.

"The Tragedy of *Gowry*, with all the Action and Actors hath been twice represented by the King's Players, with exceeding Concourse of all sorts of People. But whether the matter or manner be not well handled, or that it be thought unfit that Princes should be played on the Stage in their Lifetime, I hear that some great Councillors are much displeas'd with it, and so 'tis thought shall be forbidden." (Winwood's *Memorials*, 1725, ii. 41.)

[It seems likely that these lines refer to the fact that Shakespere was a player, a profession that was then despised and accounted mean. For evidence of this feeling see before, pp. 3, 58, and after, Sir Richard Baker's *Chronicle*, 1643. L. T. S.]

* LODOVIC BARREY, 1611

PARALLEL PASSAGES.

*Lodovic Barrey.**Shakespere.*

Now to the next tap-house, there
drink down this, and by the
operation of the third pot,
quarrel again (*Act II. sc. ii; sign.*
C 3, bk).

He enters the confines of a tavern *
* * and by the operation of
the second cup draws on him
the drawer (*Rom. and Jul. Act*
III. sc. i. l. 6).

Dash, we must bear some brain
(*Act II. ; sign. D 3*).

Nay, I do bear a brain (*Rom. and*
Jul. Act I. sc. iii. l. 29).

Is there no trust, no honnesty in men?
(*Act II. ; sign. D 2*.)

There's no trust, no faith, no honesty
in men (*Rom. and Jul. Act III.*
sc. ii. l. 86).

He stirreth not, he moveth not, he
waggeth not (*Act IV. ; sign. G 2*).

He heareth not, he stirreth not, he
moveth not (*Rom. and Jul. Act*
II. sc. i. l. 16).

Ram Alley, or Merrie-Trickes,
a Comady, 1611.

[Mr. Fleay in his *Shakespeare Manual*, 1876, p. 19, says that this "play is one continuous parody of Shakespere," and that it contains, besides the above, allusions to *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *Much Ado about Nothing*, &c. L. T. S.]

JOHN DAVIES OF HEREFORD, *About 1611.*

Another (ah, Lord helpe) mee vilifies
 With Art of Love, and how to subtilize,
 Making lewd *Venus*, with eternall Lines,
 To tye *Adonis* to her loves designes :
 Fine wit is shew'n therein : but finer twere
 If not attired in fuch bawdy Geare.
 But be it as it will : the coyest Dames,
 In private read it for their Cloffet-games :
 For, sooth to say, the lines so draw them on,
 To the venerian speculation,
 That will they, nill they (if of flesh they bee)
 They will thinke of it, fith *loofe* Thought is free.

*Papers Complaint, compil'd in truthfull Rimes
 Against the paper-spoylers of these Times. [In
 the Volume containing The Scourge of Folly,
 and other poems. About 1611. p. 231.] [4to.]
 Reprinted by Rev. A. B. Grosart in the Chertsey
 Worthies Library, Davies' Works, p. 75.*

The first line here quoted is thus given by Drake (who follows Brydges *Censura Literaria*, 1808, vol. vi. p. 276) in his *Shakespeare and his Times*, vol. ii. p. 30 :

“Another (ah, harde happe) me vilifies
 With art of love,” &c.

SIMON FORMAN 1611.

- In Richard the 2 at the glob 1611 the 30 of Aprill.
(fo. 201.)
- In the Winters Talle at the glob 1611 the 15 of maye
(fo. 201 b.)
- Of Cimbalin King of England
(fo. 206.)
- In Mackbeth at the glob 1610 the 20 of Aprill
(fo. 207.)

Forman MSS. Ashmolean 208. In the Bodleian Library.

[Dr. Forman began this "Bocke of Plaies and Notes therof per Formans for Common Pollicie" a few months before his death (he died September 1611); it consists of a thin paper folio, of which only six pages are filled with notes on the four plays indicated by the above heads; he got no further. The "notes" are nothing more than a short relation of the story of what he saw, and are in no way critical. They have been printed by Mr. J. P. Collier, "New Particulars regarding the Works of Shakespere," 1836, pp. 6—26: by Mr. Halliwell, who also gives facsimiles of them, in his Folio edition of Shakespere's Works, 1853—65, vols. viii. p. 41; ix. p. 8; xiv. p. 61; xv. p. 417: and in the *Transactions* of the New Shakespere Society, 1875-6, Part II, pp. 415—418.

The description of *Richard II.* shows that the play seen by Dr. Forman was not Shakespere's play of that name. See Halliwell as above, Vol. ix. p. 8, also Dr. E. Dowden's *Shakespere Primer*, p. 87.]

* J. M., 1600—1612.

who hath a lovinge wife & loves her not,
 he is no better then a witleffe fotte ;
 Let fuch have wives to recompense their merite,
 even Menelaus forked face inherite.
 Is love in wives good, not in husbands too ?
 why doe men sweare they love then, when they wooe ?
 it seemes 't is true that W. S. faid,
 when once he heard one courting of a Mayde,—
 Beleve not thou Mens fayned flatteryes,
 Lovers will tell a bushell-full of Lyes !

*The Newe Metamorphosis, or A Feaste of Fancie, or
 Poeticall Legendes. Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 14,824,
 14,825. 3 vols. 4to. Vol. I. Pt. II. p. 96 (old No.).*

[The first volume of this MS. bears the date 1600 on the title-page. The work, however, was added to, emended, and probably continued from time to time ; in the second volume (in which the above extract occurs) is a passage which puts the date of part of it at least as late as the end of 1612, the date of Prince Henry's death and Princess Elizabeth's marriage.

“ But H. vntymely in his prime of yeares
 must hence departe, & passe through funerall fyres
 iust at that tyme when greatest ioye's intended
 at bright E's nuptials, with all mirth portended.” (p. 215, old nos.)

The author's name is quite conjectural ; he says (I. leaf 4, b) :

“ My name is Frenche, to tell you in a worde
 yet came not in with Conquering williams sworde.”

See further on this manuscript, Appendix C. L. T. S.]

The W. S. above must stand for a name which gives two trochees (like William Shakespēare), and is, probably, identical with the W. S. in *Willobie his Avisā*, before, pp. 7—11. It is not wonderful that the concluding couplet is not found in Shakespeare's works, seeing that it is quoted as a conversational impromptu. [Polonius' advice to Ophelia contains an expansion of the idea found in them. See *Hamlet*, Act I, sc. iii. ll. 115—120, 127. L. T. S.]

THOMAS HEYWOOD, 1612.

Here likewise, I must necessarily insert a manifest injury done me in that worke,¹ by taking the two Epistles of *Paris to Helen*, and *Helen to Paris*, and printing them in a lesse volume, under the name of another, which may put the world in opinion I might steale them from him ;² and hee to doe himselfe right, hath since published them in his owne name: but as I must acknowledge my lines not worthy his patronage, under whom he hath published them, so the Author³ I know much offended with M. Jaggard that (altogether unknowne to him) presumed to make so bold with his name.

An Apology for Actors. 1612. Epistle "To my approved good Friend, Mr. Nicholas Okes," [the printer] at the end.

¹ That worke, "my booke of *Britaines Troy*."

² i. e. the printer of *Britaines Troy*.

³ Shakespere.

[*The Passionate Pilgrim*, by W. Shakespeare, was first published in 1599. . . The *Pilgrim* is a collection, made by the piratical publisher, William Jaggard, of some genuine Sonnets, &c., by Shakspeare, Richard Barnfield, Bartholomew Griffin, Christopher Marlowe, and other writers unknown, got from divers printed books and other sources. Thirteen years afterwards, in 1612, the same pirate Jaggard reprinted *The Pilgrim* as Shakspeare's, and put into it, under Shakspeare's name, and to his disgust, two poems by Thomas Heywood, for which the latter publicly reproached Jaggard" (as above).—Furnivall, *Introd. to the Leopold Shakspeare*, p. xxxv. Only eleven out of the twenty-one songs in the collection are certainly or possibly Shakespere's. (See Dowden's *Shakespere Primer*, p. 111.) L. T. S.]

JOHN WEBSTER, 1612.

Detraction is the sworne friend to ignorance : For mine owne part I have ever truly cherisht my good opinion of other mens worthy Labours, especially of that full and haightned stile of maister *Chapman* : The labor'd and understanding workes of maister *Johnson* : The no lesse worthy composures of the both worthily excellent Maister *Beaumont* & Maister *Fletcher* : And lastly (without wrong last to be named), the right happy and copious industry of M. *Shake-speare*, M. *Decker*, & M. *Heywood*, wishing what I write may be read by their light : Protesting, that, in the strength of mine owne judgement, I know them so worthy, that though I rest silent in my owne worke, yet to most of theirs I dare (without flattery) fix that of *Martiall*.

—non norunt, Hæc monumenta mori.

The White Devil. 1612. [4to.] *Dedication (last paragraph).*

JOSEPH FLETCHER, 1613.

He di'd indeed not as an actor dies
 To die to day, and live againe to morrow,
 In shew to please the audience, or disguise
 The idle habit of inforced sorrow :
 The Crosse his stage was, and he plaid the part
 Of one that for his friend did pawne his heart.

His heart he pawnd, and yet not for his friend,
 For who was friend to him, or who did love him?
 But to his deadly foe he did extend
 His dearest blood to them that did reprove him,
 For such as tooke his life from him, he gave
 Such life, as by his life they could not have.

Christ's Bloodie Sweat, or the Sonne of God in His Agonie.
 1613. p. 31. [4to.]
 Reprinted by the Rev. A. B. Grosart in the Fuller Worthies'
 Library, 1869. p. 177.

This is perhaps the most curious allusion to a work of Shakespear's made during his lifetime :

“ the part
 Of one that for his friend did pawn his heart ”

was assuredly the part of Antonio, in the *Merchant of Venice*. That play was probably written in 1596, it was entered on the Stationers' Register in 1598 and 1600, and published in 1600 in two editions, the first by James Roberts, the second by Thomas Heyes.

THOMAS LORKINS, 1613.

London this laft of June 1613.

No longer fince then yesterday, while Bourbege his companie were acting at y^e Globe the play of Hen : 8, and there shooting of certayne chambers in way of triumph; the fire catch'd & fastened upon the thatch of y^e house and there burned fo furiously as it confumed the whole house & all in lesse then two houres (the people having enough to doe to save themselves).

*Letter from Thomas Lorkins to Sir Thos.
Puckering. Harl. MS. 7,002, fo. 268.*

[Another contemporary account of the burning of the Globe theatre says that the play going on at the time was a new play called *All is true*. (See Furnivall's *Introduction to the Leopold Shakspeare*, p. xviii.) "Chambers" were small cannon or mortars. L. T. S.]

LORD TREASURER STANHOPE, 1613.

The Accompte of the right honourable the *Lord Stanhope* of *Harrington*, *Treasurer* of his *Majesties* Chamber, for all such *Somes* of money as hath beine received and paied by him within his Office from the feaste of *St. Michael Tharchangell*, Anno *Regni Regis Jacobi Decimo* (1612), untill the feaste of *St. Michael*, Anno *Regni Regis Jacobi undecimo* (1613), conteyning one whole yeare.

Item paid to *John Heminges* uppon lyke warrant, dated att *Whitehall ix° die Julij 1613* for himself and the rest of his fellowes, his *Majesties* servauntes and Players for presentinge a playe before the *Duke of Savoyes Embassadour* on the viijth daye of *June, 1613*, called *Cardenna*, the some of *vjli. xiijs. iiijd.*

Item paid to *John Heminges* uppon the *Cowncells warrant* dated att *Whitehall xx° die Maij 1613*, for presentinge before the *Princes Highnes the Lady Elizabeth* and the *Prince Pallatyne Elector fowerteene* severall playes, viz: one playe called *Filaster*, One other called the *Knott of ffooles*, One other *Much adoe abowte nothinge*, The *Mayeds Tragedy*, The *merye dyvell of Edmonton*, *The Tempest*, A *kinge and no kinge*/ The *Twins Tragedie*/ *The Winters Tale*, *Sir John ffalstaffe*, *The Moor of Venice*, The *Nobleman*, *Cæsars Tragedye*./ And one other called *Love lyes a bleedinge*, All which Playes weare played with-in the tyme of this Accompte, viz: paid the some of *iiij^{xx} xiiijli. vjs. viijd* [*£93 : 6 : 8*]/

Item paid to the said *John Heminges* uppon the lyke warrant, dated att *Whitehall xx° die Maij 1613*, for presentinge fixe

severall playes, viz: one playe called a badd beginininge (*sic*) makes a good endinge, One other called *the Capteyne*, One other the *Alcumist.*/ One other *Cardenno*/ One other *The Hotspur*/ And one other called *Benedicte and Betteris*, All played within the tyme of this Accompte viz: paid Fortie powndes, And by waye of his *Majesties* rewarde twentie powndes, In all lx li.

Rawl. MS., A. 239, leaf 47 (in the Bodleian). Printed in New Sh. Soc.'s Transactions, 1875-6, Part II, p. 419.

[Lord Stanhope's accounts give six of Shakespere's plays as acted in 1613 (those printed in italics above). It is believed that *Sir John Falstaffe* refers to 1 *Henry IV*, or *The Merry Wives of Windsor*; *Casars Tragedye* to *Julius Caesar*; *The Hotspur* possibly to 1 *Henry IV*; while *Benedicte and Betteris* must be *Much Ado About Nothing*. L. T. S.]

BEN JONSON, 1614.

It is also agreed, that every man heere, exercise his owne Iudgement, and not censure by *Contagion*, or upon *trust*, from anothers voice, or face. * * * Hee that will sweare *Ieronimo* or *Andronicus* are the best playes, yet shall passe unexcepted at, heere, as a man whose Iudgement shewes it is constant, and hath stood still, these five and twentie, or thirtie yeeres.

(fourth page.)

* * * * *

If there bee never a *Servant-monster* i' the *Fayre*, who can help it? he¹ sayes; nor a nest of *Antiques*? Hee is loth to make Nature afraid in his *Playes*, like those that beget *Tales*, *Tempests*, and such like *Drolleries*, to mixe his head with other mens heeles.

(fifth page.)

Bartholomew Fayre. Induction. Workes, 1640 (the publication of this play being dated 1631).

¹ "He" is the Author, Ben Jonson.

In the first extract from the *Induction to Bartholomew Fair* we have *Titus Andronicus*; in the second the mention of "a servant monster" recalls Caliban in Shakespeare's *Tempest*: and the expression "to mix his head with other men's heels" recalls a scene in that play where Trinculo takes refuge from the storm under Caliban's gabardine. *Antiques* means antics, cf. the cavalier Cleveland, 30 years later,

"A jig, a jig, and in this antick dance"

(*Mixt Assembly. Poems. 1687. p. 34.*)

There can be no doubt that Jonson was alluding to the *Tempest*.

[Whalley supposes that some words on the second page of this *Induction*, "and then a substantial watch to have stolen in upon them, & taken them away, with mistaking words, as the fashion is in the stage-practice," are a sneer upon Shakespere alluding to the Watch and their blunders in *Much Ado about Nothing*. But, as Lieut.-Col. Cunningham points out (Jonson's *Works, 1871, vol. ii. p. 144, note*), "the guardians of the night had been proverbial for their blundering simplicity before Shakespere was born," and he does not think this comedy was referred to. Dr. B. Nicholson, however, does, and thinks that the conjunction of the three bits in this *Induction* prove that a sneer against Shakespere was intended by Jonson. L. T. S.]

THOMAS FREEMAN, 1614.

To Master W. Shakeſpeare.

Shakeſpeare, that nimble *Mercury* thy braine,
 Lulls many hundred *Argus-eyes* aſleepe,
 So fit, for all thou faſhioneſt thy vaine,
 At th' *horſe-foote* fountaine thou haſt drunk full deepe,
 Vertues or vices theame to thee all one is :
 Who loves chaſte life, there's *Lucrece* for a Teacher :
 Who liſt read luſt there's *Venus* and *Adonis*,
 True modell of a moſt laſcivious leatcher.
 Befides in plaies thy wit windes like *Meander* :
 When needy new-compoſers borrow more [Whence]
 Thence *Terence* doth from *Plautus* or *Menander*. [Than]
 But to praife thee aright I want thy ſtore :
 Then let thine owne works thine owne worth upraife,
 And help t' adorne thee with deſerved Baies.

*Runne, and a Great Caſt. The Second Bowle. (Being the
 ſecond part of Rubbe, and a Great Caſt, 1614.) Epigram
 92, ſign. K 2, back. [4to.]*

ROBERT TAILOR, 1614.

And if it prove so happy as to please,
Weele say 'tis fortunate like *Pericles*.

The Hogge hath lost his Pearle. 1614. [4to.] *Last two lines of Prologue.* [Bodleian Lib. Malone 169.]

As to date, &c., of *Pericles*, see before, p. 82, note.

EDMUND HOWES, 1614.

Our moderne, and present excellent Poets which worthely florish in their owne workes, and all of them in my owne knowledge lived together in this Queenes raigne, according to their priorities as neere as I could, I have orderly set downe (viz) *George Gascoigne* Esquire, *Thomas Churchyard* Esquire, Sir *Edward Dyer* Knight, *Edmond Spencer* Esquire, Sir *Philip Sidney* Knight, Sir *John Harrington* Knight, Sir *Thomas Challoner* Knight, Sir *Frauncis Bacon* Knight, & Sir *John Davie* Knight, Master *John Lillie* gentleman, Maister *George Chapman* gentleman, M. *W. Warner* gentleman, M. *Willi. Shakespeare* gentleman, *Samuell Daniell* Esquire, *Michaell Draiton* Esquire, of the bath, M. *Christopher Marlo* gen., M. *Benjamine Johnson* gentleman, *Iohn Marston* Esquier, M. *Abraham Frauncis* gen., master *Frauncis Meers* gentle. master *Josua Siluester* gentle. master *Thomas Deckers* gentleman, M. *John Flecher* gentle., M. *John Webster* gentleman, M. *Thomas Heywood* gentleman, M. *Thomas Middleton* gentleman, M. *George Withers*.

John Stow's Annales, or generall Chronicle of England; continued to the end of 1614 by Edmond Howes. 1615. p. 811. [Reign of Queen Elizabeth.]

Deckers became Decker in the 1631 edition of *Stow's Annals*; no other alteration was then made in this list.

C[HRISTOPHER] B[ROOKE], 1614.

My tongue in fire dragons' spleene I steepe,
That acts, with accents, cruelty may found ;

(Part 1. St. viii.)

To him that impt my fame with Clío's quill,
Whose magick raif'd me from oblivion's den ;
That writ my storie on the Muses hill,
And with my actions dignifi'd his pen :
He that from Helicon sends many a rill,
Whose nectared veines, are drunke by thirstie men ;
Crown'd be his stile with fame, his head with bayes ;
And none detract, but gratulate his praife.

Yet if his scænes have not engroft all grace,
The much-fam'd action could extend on stage ;

(Part 2. Stanzas i, ii.)

My working head (my counsell's consistory)
Debates how I might raigne, the princes living :

(Ibid. St. xxvi.)

The devlish fury in my brest intends,
In spite of danger and all opposite barrs ;
To cut this knot the miltick fates conteyne,
And set my life and kingdome on this mayne. [cast]

(Part 3. St. xxxviii.)

The Ghost of Richard the Third. Expressing himselfe in these three Parts. 1. His Character 2. His Legend 3. His Tragedie Containing more of him than hath been heretofore shewed : either in Chronicles, Playes, or Poems. 1614. [Unique copy in Bodleian.] Reprinted by Rev. A. B. Grosart in the Fuller Worthies' Library, Complete Poems of Christopher Brooke, 1872, in which see pp. 62, 79, 88, 134. — Also for the Shakspeare Society, by Mr. F. P. Collier, 1844.

Besides the direct allusion to the play of *Richard III*, in Christopher Brooke's poem, there are several lines caught from Shakespeare's work. The three most striking are here given. The first refers to these lines in Act V. Sc. iii :

“Our ancient word of courage, fair St. George
Inspire us with the spleen of fiery dragons !”

The third refers to a line in Act II. Sc. ii :

“My other self, my counsel's consistory.”

The fourth refers to these lines in Act V. Sc. iv :

“Slave, I have set my life upon a cast,
And I will stand the hazard of the die.”

[The second quotation is pointed out by Mr. Collier and Dr. Grosart as a “clear allusion to Shakespere and to his play on the history of *Richard III*.” (Grosart's reprint, p. 150.) It is Richard's “Ghost” himself who speaks. L. T. S.]

SIR WILLIAM DRUMMOND, 1614.

The authors I have seen on the Subject of Love, are the Earl of *Surrey*, Sir *Thomas Wyat* (whom, because of their Antiquity, I will not match with our better Times) *Sidney*, *Daniel*, *Drayton*, and *Spenser*, * * The last we have are Sir *William Alexander* and *Shakespeare*, who have lately published their Works.

Works: Fo: 1711. p. 226.

This note of Drummond's must belong to the period of 1614-1616; for Alexander was not knighted till 1614, and Shakespeare, who died in 1616, is here spoken of as a living author. The word "lately" induces us to give the earliest date possible to the note. See *Drummond of Hawthornden; the Story of his Life and Writings*. By David Masson, 1873, p. 81, note.

RICHARD BRATHWAITE, 1615.

He be thy *Venus*, pretty Ducke I will,
 And though lesse faire, yet I have farre more skill,
 In Loves affaires : for if I *Adon* had,
 As *Venus* had : I could have taught the lad
 To have beene farre more forward then he was,
 And not have dallied with to apt a laffe.

(*The Civill Devill*, pp. 44, 45.)

If I had liv'd but in King Richards dayes,
 Who in his heat of passion, midst the force
 Of his Affailants troubled many waies
 Crying *A horse, a Kingdome for a horse*.
 O then my horse which now at Livery staves,
 " Had beene set free, where now hee's forc't to stand
 " And like to fall into the Ofler's hand.

(*Upon a Poets Palfrey*, p. 154.)

No cure he finds to heale this maladie,
 But makes a vertue of necessity.

(*The Wooer*, p. 95.)

*A Strappado for the Divell. Epigrams and Satyres alluding
 to the time, with divers measures of no lesse Delight.* 1615.
 [8vo.]

Reprinted by R. Roberts, Boston, 1878.

[Brathwaite's *Strappado* thus gives us recollections of four of Shakespere's works, *Venus and Adonis*, *Richard III* (Act V, sc. iv, l. 8), *Two Gentlemen of Verona* (Act IV, sc. i, l. 62), and in the extract next following, to a part of *Pericles*, although that part is not Shakespere's. A verse on p. 82 of the reprint may refer to the "park" of l. 231 of *Venus and Adonis*.
 L. T. S.]

RICHARD BRATHWAITE, 1615.

A cage of uncleane birds, which is possess't,
 Of none save such as will defile their nest.
 Where fires of Hell hounds never come abroad,
 But in that earthly Tophet make abode.
 Where bankrupt Factors to maintaine a state,
 Forlorne (heaven knows) and wholly desperate,
 Turne valiant *Boult*s, *Pimps*, Haxtars, roaring boyes,
 Till flesht in blood, counting but murders toys,
 Are forc't in th' end a dolefull Psalm to sing,
 Going to Heaven by *Derick* in a string.

- *Strappado for the Diuell* (*The Conyburrow*), 1615, p. 151.

[Rev. J. W. Ebsworth on p. xxv of his Introduction to a Reprint of the above by R. Roberts, Boston, 1878, says, "In a Satyre, called 'The Cony-borrowe,' we find a palpable allusion to one of the characters in Shakespeare's *Pericles*, [but not in Shakespere's part of the play] the damned door-keeper" Boult. The public hangman is mentioned in the proverbial saying of "going to Heaven by *Derick* in a string:" there was a tune known about that time, with a burden "Take 'im, Derrick!" *Bagford Ballads*, printed for the Ballad Society (p. 778). F. J. F.]

Anonymous, 1615.

A Purveiour of Tobacco.

Call him a Broker of Tobacco, he scornes the title, hee had rather be tearmed a cogging Merchant. Sir *John Falstaffe* robb'd with a bottle of Sacke; so doth hee take mens purses, with a wicked roule of Tobacco at his girdle.

New and choise Characters: of severall Authors, with the Wife, written by Syr Thomas Overburie. 1615. Sign. M 8. [Bodleian Lib. Bliss 2. 2140.]

This curious passage is taken from the Edition of 1615, a copy of which has been recently acquired by the British Museum, [but is unfortunately now, 9 October, 1878, inaccessible. L. T. S.] The "Characters" were added to Sir Thomas Overbury's *Wife*, in the second edition of 1614 (in which year there were five editions): by 1664 *The Wife & Characters* appear to have run to seventeen editions, of which thirteen are in the British Museum; but the "Purveiour of Tobacco" does not occur in any, except in that of 1615.

ROBERT ANTON, 1616.

Or why are *women* rather growne so mad,
 That their *immodest* feete like *planets* gad
 With such *irregular motion* to base *Playes*,
 Where all the *deadly finnes* keepe *hollidaies*.
 There shall they see the *vices* of the *times*,
Orestes incest, *Cleopatres* crimes.

* * * *

Sooner may shamelesse wives hate *Braindford feasts*,
Albertus Magnus, or the *pilsfred Jest*s
 Of some spruce *Skipjack Citizen* from *Playes*,
 A *Coach*, the secret *Baudihouse* for *waies*,
 And *riotous waste* of some new *Freeman* made,
 That in one *yeere* to *peices* breakes his *trade*,
 Then wash the toad-like speckles of *defame*,
 That swell the *world* with *poyson* of their *shame* :
 What *Comedies* of *errors* swell the *stage*
 With your most *publike vices*, when the *age*
 Dares personate in *action*, for, your *eies*
 Ranke *Seanes* of your *lust-sweating qualities*.

The Philosopher's Satyrs. 1616. [4to.] Pp. 46 & 51
Fifth Satyr. Of Venus.

SIR WILLIAM DRUMMOND, 1616.

Ah *Napkin*, ominous Present of my Deare,
 Gift miserable, which doth now remaine
 The only Guerdon of my helpeffe Paine,
 * * *
 * deare *Napkin* doe not grieve
 That I this Tribute pay thee from mine Eine
 And that (these posting Houres I am to live)
 I laundre thy faire Figures in this Brine.

*Poems by William Drummond of Hawthorne-denne.
 Second Impression. Edinburgh, 1616, sign. H 3,
 back (eleventh Sonnet in the Second Part).*

[Drummond in this sonnet made use of an idea which appears in the second and third lines of the 3rd Stanza of Shakespere's *Lover's Complaint*, first printed in 1609.

“Oft did she heave her *Napkin* to her eyne,
 Which on it had conceited characters :
 Laundering the silken figures in the brine,
 That seasoned woe had pelleted in teares.”
 (Shakespere's *Sonnets*, 1609, sign. K, back.) L. T. S.]

BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER, 1611, 1616.

[B. died 1614. F. died 1625.]

Welford. . . . But shall wee see these Gentlewomen to-night ?

Sir Roger. Have patience Sir, untill our fellowe *Nicholas* bee deceaft, that is, a sleepe ; for so the word is taken ; to sleepe to die, to die to sleepe : a very Figure Sir.

Wel. Cannot you cast another for the Gentlewomen ?

Ro. Not till the man bee in his bed, his grave ; his grave, his bed ; the very fame againe Sir. Our Comick Poet gives the reason sweetly ; *Plenus rimarum est*, he is full of loopeholes.

The Scornful Ladie, Act II. Sc. i. [4to.] 1616, sign. C 4.

By heaven me thinks it were an easie leape
To plucke bright honour from the pale-fac'd Moone,
Or dive into the bottome of the sea,
Where never fathome line touch't any ground,
And plucke up drowned honor from the lake of hell.

Knight of the Burning Pestle. Prologue. 1613. [4to.] Sign. B 2.

[The date when the *Scornful Ladie* was written is uncertain, it was first printed in 1616. Hamlet's Soliloquy (Act III. i.) seems to have given rise to some merriment here, not dreamt of perhaps by "our Comick Poet."

The *Knight of the Burning Pestle* was probably written in 1611, though not printed till 1613. Ralph, the 'Prentice, being called in to "speak a huffing part" to show his powers, spouts Hotspur's lines (First Part *Henry IV*, Act I. sc. iii. l. 201). Steevens infers that this or a similar passage was "used as a common burlesque phrase for attempting impossibilities," and quotes W. Cartwright's satirical poem on Mr. [William] Stokes' Book on the Art of Vaulting.

"Then go thy ways, Brave *Will*, for one,
By *Jove* 'tis thou must Leap or none,
To pull bright honour from the Moon" (*Poems*, 1651, p. 212).

See another quotation from *The Knight*, before, p. 78. L. T. S.]

BEN JONSON, 1616.

[The author will not]

purchase your delight at such a rate
 As, for it, he himself must justly hate :
 To make a child, now swadled, to proceede
 Man, and then shoote up, in one beard, and weede,
 Past threescore years : or, with three rustie swords,
 And helpe of some few foot-and-halfe-foote words,
 Fight over *Yorke*, and *Lancaster's* long jarres :
 And in the tiring-houſe bring wounds, to ſcarres.
 He rather prayes, you will be pleaſ'd to ſee
 One ſuch, to-day as other playes ſhould be ;
 Where neither *Chorus* wafts you ore the ſeas ;
 Nor creaking throne comes downe, the boys to pleaſe.

Every Man in his Humour. Prologue. 1616. p. 3. [fol.]

In this Prologue, according to Hunter, Jonson censured Shakespere, pointing especially at several of his plays : (1) Infancy and maturity in the same character,—*Winter's Tale* ; (2) the Wars of York and Lancaster with their duels and battles,—*Henry VI* ; (3) the shifting the scene from one country to another,—*Henry V* ; (4) the descent of a creaking throne,—the masques in the *Tempest* and in *Cymbeline*. The final line of the prologue in which Jonson assures his audience that, if they laugh at popular errors,

“ You that have so graced monsters, may like men,”

is supposed to refer to Caliban.

(Hunter's *New Illustrations of Shakespere*, 1845, I. 136. Stokes' *Chronological order of Shakespere's Plays*, 1878, p 177.) L. T. S.]

[The first or Italian version of *Every Man in his Humour* was published in 1601 without a prologue. The second or English version in 1616 with the prologue. This states that the *play* (not this second version) was acted by the Lord Chamberlain's servants in 1598.

Gifford would make out that the 1601 edition was edited, not by B. Jonson, but from the copy used at Henslowe's theatre in 1596, and hence that the prologue was really existent in that year. To his assertions may be

opposed these facts. 1. There may be a possibility, but not a shadow of proof, that "The Humours" or "The Comedy of Humours" had anything to do with Jonson or with his play. The word "Humours" was then fashionable cant. 2. The 1601 4to. bears on its title-page,—“as it hath been . . . acted by . . . the Lord Chamberlaine his servants.” Are we to believe without proof that there was here printed a direct lie? 3. And can we believe that Jonson, an irascible man, would in the same year, 1601, give his *Fountaines of Self Love* to the publisher who had just brought out *Every Man in his Humour*, against his interests, and with a lying title-page, for Henslowe who had quarrelled with him? 4. The 1601 edition also bears on its title-page "Written by Ben Johnson," asserted by Gifford to be a mis-spelling. It is so spelt in three plays, and he never spelt it Jonson till 1604, when he printed with a Latin title-page his part of the celebration of James' entry into London. 5. The 1601 4to. has none of the blunders of a spurious edition, but like all by Jonson, is very carefully punctuated. 6. That "this play" on the title-page of the 1616 folio does not mean "this new version" is shown by the parallel case of *Sejanus*. Before it Jonson says "this play was first acted in 1603," while shortly after he tells us it was a different version. 7. Lastly, this second or now known version cannot, by internal evidence, have been written before 1605 or 1606. For, 1. Bobadil in the 1601 4to. speaks of the taking of Ghibelletto some ten years back, and of that of Tortosa; but in the later version he alters the names to "Strigonium" and "what do you call it." Now Strigonium (Graan) was taken from the Turks in 1596, which makes the date of speaking 1606; while, unable to find a parallel for Tortosa, he makes Bobadil pretend to forget the name he would say. 2. In the 1616 version Act I. sc. ii. is introduced for the first time—"Our Turkey Company never sent the like [present] to the Grand Seignor,"—clearly an allusion to a recent event. But the only occasions when they sent such a present were, one too early in Elizabeth's reign to be alluded to in a familiar letter, and one of the value of £5,322 given them by James for a present to the Porte, in December, 1605, soon after the re-constitution of the Company.

If these facts be correct there can be no reason for assigning the prologue to a date earlier than 1606, as shown by internal evidence to be that of the version with which it first appears. B. N.]

[Another passage was quoted from Jonson (*Sejanus*) in the first edition of the *Centurie* (p. 330), which, though believed by some critics upon merely supposititious grounds to refer to Shakespere, I now omit in the text, Dr. Brinsley Nicholson having pointed out in the *Academy*, Nov. 14, 1874, that the "second Pen" was in all probability that of Samuel Sheppard. Jonson says in the Preface to *Sejanus* (1605),—

"Lastly I would informe you, that this Booke, in all numbers, is not the same with that which was acted on the publike Stage, wherein a second Pen had good share: in place of which I have rather chosen, to put weaker (and no doubt lesse pleasing) of mine own, then to defraud so happy a *Genius* of his right, by my lothed usurpation."

In 1646 Samuel Sheppard published *The Times Displayed in Six Sestiyads* (see after, under date). The sixth sestiyad is a series of verses in praise of the greater poets, Daniel, Drayton, Shakespere, Jonson, and others. The eleventh encomium runs thus :—

“ So His that Divine PLAUTUS equalled,
 Whose Commick vain MENANDER nere could hit,
 Whose tragick sceans shal be with wonder Read
 By after ages for unto his wit
 My selfe gave personal ayd / dictated
 To him when as *Sejanus* fall he writ,
 And yet on earth some foolish sots there bee
 That dare make Randolf his Rival in degree.”

Ben Jonston

On these Dr. Nicholson remarks, “As Sheppard is not a master of English verse or style, so his ‘dictate’ is not happily chosen, but the meaning and intent of it and its context are clear. Read by the light of Jonson’s words, they are not only clear, but distinct, and we see Sheppard’s disappointment, and the strugglings of his self-conceit to record the fact that he had been a part-author in *Sejanus*—strugglings which are shown in his ‘And yet,’ and ‘for,’ and which destroy his encomium by making it ridiculous.” Dr. Ingleby, however, asks me to add that he regards Sheppard’s authorship in *Sejanus* as impossible, and that, with Mr. Fleay, he is now disposed to assign the “second pen” to Chapman. L. T. S.]

APRIL 25, 1616.

GOOD FREND FOR IESVS SAKE FORBEARE,
 TO DIGG THE DVST ENCLOSED HEARE:
 BLESTE BE Y MAN Y SPARES THESE STONES,
 AND CVRST BE HE Y MOVES MY BONES.

*Inscription on the Tablet over Shakespeare's Grave, given
 in Halliwell's Life of Shakespere, 1848, p. 286.*

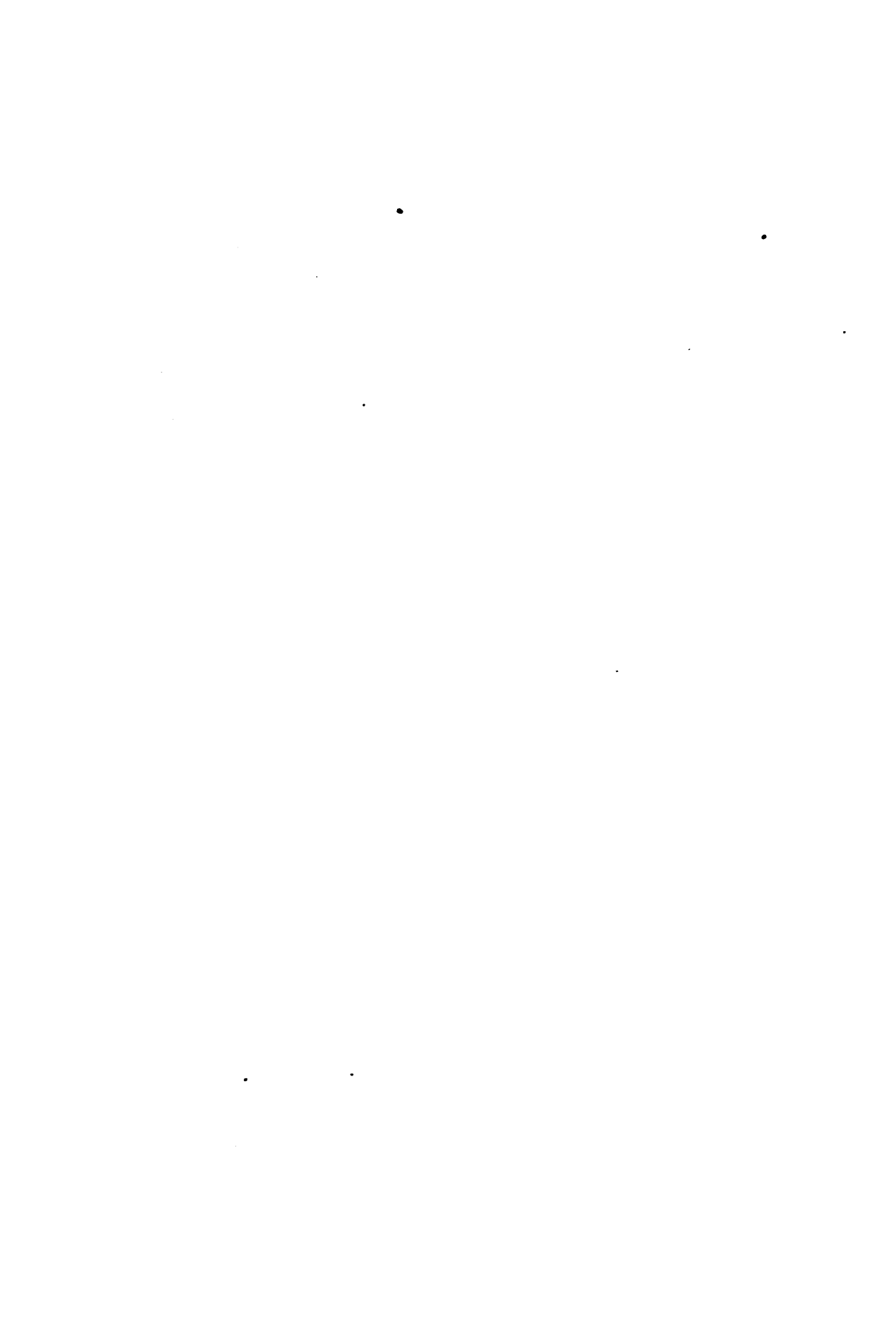
The inscription on Shakespeare's grave-stone is feebly parodied in the
 Apology prefixed to Graves' *Spiritual Quixote*. (Ed. 1773. Vol. i. p. vii.)

SHAKESPEARE'S
CENTURIE OF PRAYSE.



SECOND PERIOD.

1617—1642.



1617—1622.

IVDICIO PYLIVM, GENIO SOCRATEM, ARTE MARONEM,
TERRA TEGIT, POPVLVS MÆRET, OLYMPVS HABET.

STAY PASSENGER, WHY GOEST THOV BY SO FAST?
READ IF THOV CANST, WHOM ENVIOVS DEATH HATH PLAST,
WITH IN THIS MONVMENT SHAKSPEARE WITH WHOME
QVICK NATVRE DIDE: WHOSE NAME DOT^S DECK Y TOMBE
FAR MORE THEN COST: SIEH ALL, Y HE HATH WRITT,^T [SITH]
LEAVES LIVING ART, BVT PAGE, TO SERVE HIS WITT.

OBIIT ANO DO^I 1616

ÆTATIS, 53. DIE 23 AP.

*Inscriptions upon the Tablet under Shakespere's Bust, in the
Chancel-north-wall of Stratford Church; heliotyped in Shake-
spere's Home and Rural Life, by Major James Walter, 1874, p.
17. See also Halliwell's Life of Shakespere, p. 289.*

Steevens conjectured that the scribe wrote *Sophoclem*, not *Socratem*. Assuredly one who had scholarship enough to compose the verses could hardly have believed that the o in the latter word had a common quantity. Besides, the comparison of Shakespere to Sophocles is significant: to Socrates trifling: Ben Jonson and Samuel Sheppard compare Shakespere to Sophocles. (See pp. 148, 261, 285.) If Sheppard wrote *Sophocles* in an English verse, that would be irrelevant; for he would not have written it in a Latin one.

The converse misprint occurs in *The Playhouse Pocket Companion*, 1779, p. 47, in the first line of the Catalogue of which "Sophocles" is an error for *Socrates*. (See *Biog. Dram.* 1812. Int. lxxiii.)

[Admitting Dr. Ingleby's criticism to be correct, I can but endorse the remark of a friend that the likening of Shakespere to Socrates, one of the wisest of men, seems the right reading in the first line. The comparison to Virgil, the representative poet, next following, renders the allusion to Sophocles unnecessary, whereas Nestor, Socrates, and Virgil, make a grand trio of ideal men. The bust (by G. Johnson, see after, Dugdale, 1653) was set up before 1623, as we know from the mention of it by Leonard Digges. (See after, p. 154.) L. T. S.]

JOHN TAYLOR, THE WATER POET, 1617.

[Description of the hang-man at Hamburg] His post-like legges were answerable to the rest of the great frame which they supported, and to conclude, fir *Bevis*, *Ascapart*, *Gog-magog*, or our English fir *John Falstaff*, were but shrimpes to this bezzeling Bombards longitude, latitude, altitude, and craftitude, for hee passes, and surpasses the whole Germane multitude.

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Three Weekes, three daies, and three houres observations and travel, from London to Hamburg. London, 1617. [4to.] Sign. C.

NATHANIEL FIELD, 1618.

I doe heare
Your Lordship this faire morning is to fight,
And for your honor: Did you never see
The Play where the fat Knight, hight *Old-castle*,
Did tell you truly what this honor was?

Amends for Ladies. 1618. [4to.] Sign. G.

Nathaniel Field (like Alexander Brome, in his *Epistle to the Five new Plays* of Richard Brome, 1653, in a passage quoted in the *Third Period*) here refers to the speech of Falstaff, which concludes the first scene of 1 *Henry IV*, Act V. See as to Oldcastle and Falstaff, after, note on George Daniel, 1647.

RICHARD CORBET, 1618—1621.

Mine hoft was full of ale and hiftory ;

• • • • •

Why, he could tell

The inch where Richmond ftood, where Richard fell :
 Befides what of his knowledge he could fay,
 He had authenticke notice from the Play ;
 Which I might gueffe, by's mufting up the ghofts,
 And policyes, not incident to hofts ;
 But cheifly by that one perfpicuous thing,
 Where he miftooke a player for a King.
 For when he would have fayd, King Richard dyed,
 And call'd—A horfe ! a horfe !—he, Burbidge cry'de.

*Iter Boreale. pp. 193, 194 (see also p. 170). Poems of
 Richard Corbet, Bishop of Oxford & of Norwich.
 Edited by Octavius Gilchrist. 1807.*

[Gilchrist remarks that "from this passage we learn that Richard Burbage was the original representative of Shakespeare's *Richard the Third*."
 L. T. S.]

BEN JONSON, 1619.

His censure of the English Poets was this :

• • • • •

That Shakspeer wanted arte.

• • • • •

Sheakspear, in a play, brought in a number of men saying they had suffered ship-wrack in Bohemia, wher y^r is no fea neer by some 100 miles.

Notes by William Drummond of Conversations with Ben Jonson, at Hawthornden, January, 1619. Extracts from the Hawthornden MSS. by David Laing, Archæologia Scotica, vol. iv. Edinburgh, 1831-32, pp. 81, 89. Also edited by the same for the Shakespeare Society, 1842, pp. 3, 16. [First published, incorrectly, in Drummond's Works, 1711.]

Sir William Drummond was evidently a weak-minded man, whose memory had the knack of retaining only what was trivial or worthless. We may be quite sure that Jonson's assertions were not given in this naked form. No one understood Shakespeare's *art* better than Jonson; and he could hardly have based the charge of wanting art on geographical or on chronological errors, which Shakespeare took, not ignorantly, but as he found them in the current stories. [Ben probably meant that Shakespeare did not observe those Rules of Art in dramatic writing to which he himself rigidly adhered. The word *wanted* here means *lacked*, rather than the modern sense, which would imply "that Shakespere ought to have had art" (see Dryden's use of the word in the same sense, after, p. 351). The word *censure* too should not be taken as necessarily meaning condemnation, it meant *opinion* or judgment, cf.—

"Madam, and you, my mother, will you go
To give your *censures* in this weighty business?"

Richard III, Act II. sc. iii.

The remark was made of Shakespere's work by others. L. T. S.] Fuller asserts that "*Nature* itself was all the *Art* which was used upon him" (see under date 1643): which Cartwright echoes in 1647: "Nature was all his art." Milton has—

"Sweetest Shakespere, Fancy's child,
Warble his native wood-notes wild" (after, p. 184);

and forty-two years after its utterance we meet it once more in the *Diary* of the Rev. John Ward, who had "heard that Shakspeare was a natural wit without any art at all" (date 1661). But Ben Jonson and L. Digges allow Shakespere a sort of art. The former writes:

"Yet must I not give Nature all: Thy Art,
My gentle *Shakespeare*, must enjoy a part" (p. 149).

And Digges assigns him:

"Art without Art unparaleld as yet" (date 1640).

[So also the Epitaph before, p. 125, and John Taylor, after, p. 133, credit him with art. The report of Jonson's sayings relating to Shakespere, as found in Drummond's Works of 1711, is shown in its true form in Mr. Laing's print of the MS. As regards the accusation against Shakespere's geography, it may be worth noting that in 1262 Ottocar II was king of Bohemia and Austria, "and soon obtains possession of Styria, Carinthia, and Istria, when his dominions extend from the Baltic to the Adriatic" (*Manual of Dates*). Bohemia then at one time had a sea-board, and no date being necessary to the play, it may be said that "the shipwreck in the *Winter's Tale* is no breach of geography" (see the *Monthly Magazine*, Jan. 1, 1811, vol. xxx. p. 538). But that it was understood as an error in Shakespere's time, and that others besides Jonson laughed at him for it, seem to be shown by the quotation from Taylor the Water Poet, after, p. 178. L. T. S.]

H. About 1618-19.

*On ye Death of ye famous Actor
R. Burbadge. H.*

12 Hees gon' & wth him w' a world are dead.

Oft haue I feene him leape into a Graue
Suiuing y^e perfon, (w^{ch} he u^d to haue)
Of a mad Louer, wth so true an Eye
That there I would haue s^worne hee meant to
dye

Oft haue I feene him play his part in Jest,
So liuely, y^e spectators, & ye rest
Of his Crewes, whilft hee did but seeme to bleed
Amazed, thought hee had bene deade indeed.

*Octavo MS. in the library of the late Mr. Henry
Huth, p. 174. Printed by Mr. Joseph Hasle-
wood in the Gentleman's Magazine, June 1825,
Vol. XCV, Part I, p. 498.*

*A Funerall Ellegye on y^e Death of the famous
Actor Richard Burtedg who dyed on saturday in
Lent the 13 of March 1618.*

12 hee's gone & wth him what A world are dead.
which he reuiu'd, to be reuiu'd foe,
no more young Hamlett, ould Heironymoe
kind Leer, the Greued Moore, and more beside,
16 that liued in him; haue now for euer dy'de,
oft haue I feene him, leape into the Graue
smiting the perfon w^{ch} he seem'd to haue
of A fadd Louer with foe true an Eye
20 that theer I would haue s^worne, he meant to
dye,

oft haue I feene him, play this part in leaft,
foe liuly, that Spectators, and the rest
of his fad Crew, whilft he but seem'd to bleed,
24 amazed, thought euen then hee dyed in deed.

*Folio MS. in the library of the late Mr. Henry
Huth, pp. 99, 100. Printed by Mr. J. P.
Collier, Annals of the Stage, 1831, Vol. I,
p. 430, note.*

[A controversy in the *Academy*, in January, 1879, as to the meaning of lines 17 to 24 of this elegy led to the discovery of two original MSS. of it in the library of the late Mr. Henry Huth, which was pointed out by Mr. Alfred H. Huth in the *Academy* of April 3, 1879. As in the first edition of the *Centurie* Dr. Ingleby declared his belief that lines 13-16, printed by Mr. Collier, were spurious, an opinion at first shared by Mr. Furnivall, it is satisfactory now to find that both MSS. of the poem are undoubtedly genuine, and acknowledged to be so by those critics (see Mr. Furnivall in *Academy* of 19 April, 1879). By the kindness of Mr. Alfred H. Huth, and of Mr. F. S. Ellis, who is preparing the Catalogue of the library, I have carefully collated both versions with the MSS., and give the dozen lines which relate to Shakespere, the rest of the poem—consisting in all of 82 lines in the octavo and 86 lines in the folio—being a eulogy upon the excellence of the acting of Burbage in general. The only sign of authorship is the letter H affixed to the title in the Octavo copy. Both MSS. belonged to Mr. Haslewood, and the discrepancies between Mr. Collier's print and l. 15 ("King Lear," "creuel Moore") may be owing to the copy which an autograph note in one of them says that he sent Mr. Collier.

In his *New Particulars*, 1836, and *Memoirs of Actors*, 1846, Mr. Collier quotes other MSS. by which the poem is extended to 124 lines. These have not yet come to light.

It was pointed out by Mr. Moy Thomas (*Academy*, Jan. 4, 1879) that the imperfect quarto *Hamlet* of 1603 is the only authority for making Hamlet leap into Ophelia's grave to out-face Laertes (Act V. sc. i. l. 281); the above lines, however, show that Burbage was in the habit of doing so. Kemble in his acting edition of Shakespere, and Mr. Irving in his present representation of Hamlet, omit the leap into the grave. The rest of the lines seem to allude to the close of the last scene in the play.

While treating on the acting of Burbage, I may recall a reminiscence (though a late one) of the comparative merits of Shakespere as Actor and Poet. James Wright, in his interesting little tract *Historia Histrionica*, 1699, which is a "Dialogue of Plays and Players," thus speaks through his personages:—

"*Lovewit.* Pray Sir, what Master Parts can you remember the Old *Black-friers* men to Act, in *Johnson*, *Shakespear*, and *Fletcher's* Plays.

Truman. What I can at present recollect I'll tell you; *Shakespear* (who as I have heard, was a much better Poet, than Player) *Burbadge*, *Hemmings*, and others of the Older sort, were Dead before I knew the Town." (p. 4. Reprinted in Hazlitt's edition of *Dodsley*, 1876, vol. 15, p. 400.) L. T. S.]

JOHN TAYLOR, THE WATER POET, 1620.

In paper, many a Poet now survives
 Or else their lines had perith'd with their lives.
 Old *Chaucer*, *Gower*, and Sir *Thomas More*,
 Sir *Philip Sidney*, who the *Lawrell* wore,
Spencer, and *Shakespeare* did in Art excell,
 Sir *Edward Dyer*, *Greene*, *Nash*, *Daniell*.
Silvester, *Beumont*, Sir *John Harrington*,
 Forgetfulnesse their workes would over run,
 But that in paper they immortally
 Doe live in spight of death, and cannot die.

The Praise of Hemp-seed. 1620. [4to.] p. 26 :
Works, 1630, iii. p. 72. [Fo.]

Farmer says it is "impossible to give the original dates" of many of John Taylor's pieces. "He may be traced as an author for more than half a century" (*Essay on the Learning of Shakspeare*, 1821, p. 101, note).

Anonymous, 1620—36.

On the Time-Poets.

One night, the great *Apollo*, pleaf'd with *Ben*,
 Made the odde number of the Mufes ten ;
 The fluent *Fletcher*, *Beaumont* rich in fenfe,
 In complement and courtfhips quinteffence ;
 Ingenious *Shakespeare* ; *Maffinger*, that knowes
 The ftrength of plot to write in verfe and profe,
 Whole eafie *Pegaffus* will amble ore
 Some threefcore miles of fancy in an houre ;
 Cloud-grapling *Chapman*, whole Aerial minde
 Soares at Philofophy, and ftrikes it blinde ; &c.

Choyce Drollery, Songs, and Sonnets, being a collection of divers excellent pieces of poetry of several eminent authors, never before printed. Anon. 1656. The piece is reprinted in the Shakespeare Society's Papers, Vol. III., 1847, p. 172.

The lines 5—8 are quoted by Gerard Langbaine in his *Account of the English Dramatick Poets*, 1691 (p. 353), where they are merely assigned to "an old poet"; and Rev. J. W. Ebsworth, in his reprint of *Choyce Drollery*, 1876, says, "we must confess that nothing is yet learnt as to the authorship," though as to the date he believes "it was certainly written between 1620 and 1636" (pp. 270, 271). Langbaine's version has "ramble" for *amble*; an error which we conjecturally set right, before we had collated it with the text reprinted in the *Shakespeare Society's Papers*. It is in this piece that we meet with a couplet on Ben Jonson's servant and amanuensis, Richard Brome, or Broom, which in another form did duty for W. Broome, Pope's assistant. Here we have,

"Sent by Ben Johnson, as some authors say,
 Broom went before, and kindly swept the way ;"

which a century later assumed this form :

"Pope came off clean with Homer ; but they say,
 Broome went before, and kindly swept the way."

(See Johnson's *Lives of the Poets*, William Broome, in which the couplet is attributed to Henley.) Isaac D'Israeli supposed that epigram to be borrowed from a line in Randolph's Ode, "Ben, do not leave the stage," &c., st. 4, l. 4. *Curiosities of Literature*, 1839, p. 139.

JOHN FLETCHER, 1621.

Oriana. Are all my hopes come to this? Is there no faith
No troth, nor modefty, in men?

Wild Goose Chase, 1652 [fol.], p. 16.

[This passage recalls the words of the Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet* (Act III. ii.)—imitated earlier by Barrey, see before, p. 95:

“There’s no trust
No faith, no honesty in men.”

Fletcher’s *Wild Goose Chase* is placed under date 1621, on the authority of Malone, who says “it appears from Sir Henry Herbert’s manuscript” (see after, p. 157) that this play is “found among the court exhibitions of the year 1621” (*Variorum*, vol. iii. p. 225). But the play was lost in 1647, and was first printed in folio, separately, in 1652. L. T. S.]

[In another play Fletcher has evidently imitated *Hamlet* (I. v):

“Hic et ubique? then we’ll shift our ground * *
Once more remove good friends;”—

viz. in *The Woman’s Prize, or the Tamer tam’d* (Act V. iii). Rowland, having received a statement on oath from his friend Tranio, makes him swear to it again:

“Let’s remove our places. Swear it again.”

This play was first printed in the Works of Beaumont and Fletcher, folio, 1647, its date is uncertain. It is said to have been written in ridicule of *The Taming of the Shrew*, but there is not in it a single line or word that can by any kind of ingenuity be so interpreted. It is, as Steevens remarks, a sequel to it, in which the plot is reversed, and Petruchio tamed by a second wife; but the notion of *ridicule* is quite unfounded. P. A. Daniel.]

WILLIAM BASSE, 1622.

[1] *On Mr. Wm. Shakespeare. he dyed in April 1616.*

- Renowned Spencer lye a thought more nye
 2 To learned Chaucer, and rare Beaumont lye
 A little neerer Spenser, to make roome
 4 For Shakespeare in your threefold, fowerfold Tombe.
 To lodge all fowre in one bed make a shift
 6 Vntill Doome'daye, for hardly will a fit
 Betwixt *this* day and *that* by Fate be slayne,
 8 For whom your Curtaines may be drawn againe.
 If your precedency in death doth barre
 10 A fourth place in your sacred sepulcher,
 Vnder this carued marble of thine owne,
 12 Sleepe, rare Tragedian, Shakespeare, sleep alone;
 Thy vmolested peace, vnshared Caue,
 14 Possesse as Lord, not Tenant, of thy Graue,
 That vnto us & others it may be
 16 Honor hereafter to be layde by thee.

Wm. Basse.

Brit. Mus. MS. Lansdowne 777, fo. 67 b.

[2] *On Mr. William Shakespeare.*

- Renowned Spencer lie a thought more nigh
 To learned Beaumont, and rare Beaumont lye
 A little neerer Chaucer, to make rome
 For Shakespeare in your threefold, fourfold tombe.
 To lodge all fouer in one bed make a shifte
 Until Domes day, for hardly will (a) fiftie
 Betwixt *this* day and *that* by fate bee slaine,
 For whom the curtains shal bee drawne againe.
 But if Precedencie in death doe barre
 A fourth place in your sacred Sepulcher,
 In this uncarved marble of thy owne,
 Sleepe, brave Tragedian, Shakespeare, sleepe alone;
 Thy vmolested rest, vnshared caue,
 Possesse as lord, not tenant, to thy grave,
 That unto others it may counted bee
 Honour hereafter to bee layed by thee

*Fennell's Shakespeare Repository, 1853, p. 10, printed
 from a MS. temp. Charles I.*

Perhaps Donne or Basse improved upon them, thus :

“*But* if precedencie in death doe } barre
 or doth }
 A fourth place in your *sacred* sepulchre,
 Under this [] marble of thy owne
 Sleep, rare Tragedian, Shakespeare, sleep alone,” &c.

and further it seems not improbable that the third of these lines became,

“*In* this *unshardd* marble of thy owne,”

before the additional couplet was added, when *unshared* was supplanted by *uncarved*.

[Not quite agreeing with Dr. Ingleby in his view of this Epitaph, I have left his remarks, as they stood, and append a few of my own ; I print the version from Lansdowne 777, because it is an early MS., probably of the end of James I, and because it closely agrees with the two other earliest copies, viz. that given by Malone, and Mr. Halliwell's fac-simile. We therefore are likely here, as I think, to get the nearest approach to the original. An argument in favour of this is, that the names of the poets in the first three lines of these, as in nearly all the versions (Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, II, III, IV), are placed in chronological order,—Spencer is to go nearer Chaucer, and is to be followed by Beaumont ; thus, besides avoiding the repetition of Beaumont in line 2, giving more force to the allusion in line 9. This is confirmed by the quotation from the epitaph given by Jonson (after, p. 145). The variations in the different versions are considerable, but are generally such as would arise from the lines having been written down from memory, rather than errors of a copyist ; the verses evidently were popular, on a popular subject, and hence are found in common-place-books and miscellaneous collections. Two only of our fifteen copies omit lines 13, 14 (those in Donne's Poems, and Harl. 1749), they therefore probably were in the poem as first written, with the rest of which they seem to me quite consistent. Perhaps the most curious variation falls upon line 11 ; besides the two texts above we find “*In* an uncarued”, “*curved*” (badly written for carved in the Ashmole copy), “*curled*” (Donne), “*cabled*” (which I think badly written for “*curled*,” Harl. 1749), this copy closely follows Donne's ; “*sacred*,” and “*sable*,” instead of “*carved*.” It seems to me that “*Under* this carved marble” has more sense, either figuratively, or positively, with a possible reference to Shakespere's tomb at Stratford, than to suppose him buried *in* marble, carved or uncarved. L. T. S.]

The following is a list of all the manuscript copies that are known to us.

* (1.) Brit. Mus. MS. Lansdowne 777, fo. 67 *b*.

† (2.) A collection of Miscellaneous Poems in a handwriting of the early part of the reign of Charles I ; from which these verses are printed in Fennell's *Shakespeare Repository*, p. 10.

* (3.) A MS. copy inserted in the Halliwell Collection of printed Proclamations and Broad-sides, in the Chetham Library, Manchester. See

fac-simile of it in the catalogue (London, 1851, privately printed), No. 2757.

* (4.) A collection of manuscript poems, formerly in the possession of Gustavus Brander, Esq., containing these verses. Cited by Malone, who says "the MS. appears to have been written soon after the year 1621." *Shakespeare's Works*, 1821, vol. i. pp. 470—472.

* (5.) A volume of manuscript poems composed by W. Herrick and others, and *inter alia* Basse's lines; in the Rawlinson Collection, Bodleian Library, Oxford. (Cited by Malone, but a diligent search has failed to discover it.)

* (6.) A volume of manuscripts, containing poems by Bishop Corbet, and *inter alia* Basse's lines; also in the Rawlinson Collection. MS. Poet. Vol. 117, p. 40 (resembles Lans. 777).

* (7.) British Museum MS. Sloane 1792 (not 1702 as Malone quotes it), fo. 114.

† (8.) Phillipps MSS. at Cheltenham (formerly Middlehill), No. 9569: printed at the end of *The Marriage of Wit and Wisdom*, edited by J. O. Halliwell for the Shakespeare Society, 1846; p. 92 (written about 1638).

* (9.) A volume of manuscripts, containing six poems by W. Herrick, and also Basse's lines. Vol. 38, No. 421, in the Ashmole Collection: Bodleian Library, Oxford.

† (10.) Harl. MS. 1749, fo. 289 *b* (a corrupt version: it wants lines 13, 14). To these may be added the following five early printed versions.

† I. Donne's *Poems*. 1633. [4to.] p. 149. (Sign. Y 3; the paging is wrong, it should be 165.)

* II. Verses appended to Shakespeare's *Poems*. 1640. [12mo.] Sign. K 8, back.

* III. Witt's *Recreations: selected, &c.* 1640 [12mo.], where Basse's lines are numbered Epitaph 5, sign. AA 2.

* IV. Witt's *Recreations Augmented, &c.* 1641 [12mo.], where Basse's lines are numbered 144 of the Epitaphs.

* V. *Poems: by Francis Beaumont [with additions by various writers]*. 1652. [sm. 8vo.] Sign. M. The Epitaph is not in the edition of these *Poems* of 1640, it is among the additions of 1652.

Of these, II, III, and IV are substantially the same, and follow in the main, No. (1). The * and † show the type to which each copy belongs

As to the evidence of authorship: In (1) the lines are subscribed, "Wm. Basse," (2) headed "Mr. Basse," and (3) "Mr. Willm. Basse": (4) "Basse his elegie one Poett Shakespeare, who died in April, 1616": (5) "Shakespeare's Epitaph," without author's name. (6) "Basse his elegye on Shakespeare": (7) Headed "vpon shackpeare"; no author's name. (8) Headed "On Shakespeare, Basse." (9) Subscribed "finis, Dr. Doone." (10) Nothing. In I. they are assigned to Dr. Donne; but they are omitted from the next edition of his *Poems*. In II. they are subscribed W. B.: in III, IV, and V, they are anonymous. They are not included in "The Pastorals and other Workes of William Basse," printed in 1653.

THOMAS ROBINSON, 1622.

And when he is merrily disposed (as that is not seldom) then must his dearling *Kate Knightley* play him a merry fit, and sister *Mary Brooke*, or some other of his last-come Wags, must sing him one bawdy song or other to digest his meat. Then after supper it is usuall for him to reade a little of *Venus and Adonis*, the iests of *George Peele*, or some such scurrilous booke: for there are few idle Pamphlets printed in *England* which he hath not in the house.

The Anatomy of the English Nunnery at Lisbon in Portugall: Dissected and laid open by one that was sometime a younger Brother of the Covent. 1622. p. 17. [4to.]

By the use of the expression "idle pamphlets" Brother Robinson did not necessarily intend (as Mr. Collier supposes, *Bibliog. and Crit. Account*, ii. 274) to depreciate Shakespeare's poem. An "idle pamphlet," at that time of day, meant one which afforded diversion rather than edification. Surely "scurrilous booke" (to which Mr. Collier takes no exception) implies a much graver charge.

B[EN] J[ONSON], 1623.

To the Reader.

This Figure, that thou here seeft put,
 It was for gentle Shakespeare cut ;
 Wherein the Graver had a strife
 With Nature, to out-doo the life :
 O, could he but have drawne his Wit
 As well in Brasse, as he hath hit
 His Face; the Print would then surpasse
 All, that was ever writ in Brasse.
 But, since he cannot, Reader, looke
 Not on his Picture, but his Booke.

B. I.

*Facing Droeshout's portrait of Shakespeare prefixed
 to the First Folio Edition of his Works.*

[Jonson here contrives to pay both Engraver and Poet the highest compliment ; if the former could have drawn the wit of the latter as well as he has drawn his face, the print from his drawing would be the finest thing ever done. It seems to be the engraver's brass to which Digges refers on p. 154. L. T. S.] Mr. Grosart (Ed. of Sir John Beaumont's *Poems*, pp. 194 & xxv) hears in Ben's lines "an echo" of some in Beaumont's *Elegiac Memorials of Worthies* :

" Or had it err'd, or made some strokes amisse,
 — For who can pourtray Vertue as it is? —
 Art might with Nature have maintain'd her strife,
 By curious lines to imitate true life.
 But now those pictures want their lively grace,
 As after death none can well draw the face : "

Mr. Hain Friswell notices the resemblance "with a certain back twist" (as he writes it) of Ben's lines to the elegiac couplet under an old portrait (1588) of Sir Thomas More, in the *Tres Thoma* of Stapleton :

“Corporis effigiem dedit ænea lamina. At ð si
Effigiem mentis sic daret iste liber.”

And in *Venus and Adonis*, we read,

“Look when a painter would surpass the life,
His art with nature’s workmanship at strife” (ll. 289, 291);

which Dryden echoes in his *Epistle to Sir Godfrey Kneller* :

“Such are thy pieces, imitating life
So near, they almost conquered in the strife.”

We need not, however, go out of Shakespeare’s “Booke” to find an instance of this common conceit :

“the cutter
Was as another Nature, dumb, outwent her,
Motion and breath left out.”

Cymbeline, ii. 4.

Mat. Smalwood, in his commendatory verses prefixed to some copies of Wm. Cartwright’s *Works*, 1651, thus comments on the wretched print of Cartwright’s face, which serves as frontispiece to the volume :—

“Then, do not blame his serious Brow and Look,
’Twill be thy Picture if thou read his Book.”

[Jonson not improbably took the conceit in his last lines from the verses appended to the portrait of Du Bartas in Sylvester’s eds. of 1621, &c., a work to which Jonson himself had contributed a commendatory poem. They run thus :—

“Ces traits au front, marquez de *Scavoir* & d’*Esprit*
Ne sont que du BARTAS un ombre *exterieur*.
Le Pinçeau n’en peut plus : Mais, de sa propre Plume
Il s’est peint le *Dedans*, dans son divin *Volume*.”

Englished thus :—

“This Map of *Vertues* in a *Muse*-full Face ;
Are but a blush of BARTAS *outward* part.
The Pencil could no more : but his owne Pen
Limns him, *with-in*, the Miracle of Men.”

(*Du Bartas his Divine Weekes and Workes* : translated by
Josuah Sylvester. [fo.] 1633. Verses placed under
the portrait of *Du Bartas*, A 5, back.)

L. T. S.]

JOHN HEMINGE,
HENRY CONDELL, } 1623.

Right Honourable,

Whilst we studie to be thankful in our particular, for the many favors we have received from your L. L. we are false upon the ill fortune, to mingle two the most diverse things that can be, feare, and rashness; rashness in the enterprize, and feare of the success. For, when we value the places your H. H. sustaine, we cannot but know their dignity greater, then to descend to the reading of these trifles: and, while we name them trifles, we have depriv'd our selves of the defence of our Dedication. But since your L. L. have beene pleas'd to thinke these trifles something, heeretofore; and have prosecuted both them, and their Authour living, with so much favour: we hope, that (they out-living him, and he not having the fate, common with some, to be exequator to his owne writings) you will use the like indulgence toward them, you have done unto their parent. There is a great difference, whether any Booke choose his Patrones, or finde them: This hath done both. For, so much were your L. L. likings of the severall parts, when they were acted, as before they were published, the Volume ask'd to be yours. We have but collected them, and done an office to the dead, to procure his Orphanes, Guardians; without ambition either of selfe-profit, or fame: onely to keepe the memory of so worthy a Friend, & Fellow alive, as was our SHAKESPEARE, by humble offer of his playes, to your most noble patronage. Wherein, as we have justly observed, no man to come neere your L. L. but with a kind of religious address; it hath bin the height of our care, who are the Presenters, to make the present worthy of your H. H. by the perfection. But, there we must also crave our abilities to be considerd, my Lords. We cannot go beyond our

owne powers. Country hands reach fourth milke, creame, fruites, or what they have : and many Nations (we have heard) that had not gummes & incense, obtained their requefts with a leavened Cake. It was no fault to approch their Gods, by what meanes they could : And the moft, though meanest, of things are made more precious, when they are dedicated to Temples. In that name therefore, we moft humbly confecrate to your H. H. these remaines of your fervant *Shakespeare* ; that what delight is in them, may be ever your L. L. the reputation his, & the faults ours, if any be committed, by a payre fo carefull to shew their gratitude both to the living, and the dead, as is

Your Lordshippes moft bounden,

John Heminge.

Henry Condell.

Dedication to William, Earl of Pembroke, and Philip, Earl of Montgomery. (Prefixed to the First Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works, 1623.)

The first part of the peroration of this address is so good as to evoke the suspicion that it is not original. Malone quotes from Morley's *Dedication of a Book of Songs*¹ to Sir Robert Cecil, 1595, a very similar passage. But in truth the beginning of the peroration is literally translated from Pliny's dedicatory epistle to Vespasian, prefixed to his *Natural History* (§ 11, ed. Sillig), which runs thus :—

“dis lacte rustici multæque gentes supplicanti, et mola tantum salsa litant qui non habent tura ; nec ulli fuit vitio deos colere quoquo modo posset.”

That is,

“country people and many nations offer milk to their gods ; and they who have not incense obtain their requests with only meal and salt ; nor was it imputed to any as a fault to worship the gods in whatever way they could.”

The writer of the address of 1623 added “cream and fruits” in one place, and “gummes” in another : and for *mola salsa* appears to have, not unskilfully, caught up Horace's “farre pio” (*Odes* III, 23, ll. 17-20). He adds, too, very gracefully, that “the meanest things are made more precious when they are dedicated to temples.” If he employed Philemon Holland's translation of Pliny (1635) he did not reproduce its words.

¹ “Cantvs. Of Thomas Morley the first booke of ballets to five voyces” is the real title. [L. T. S.]

JOHN HEMINGE,
HENRIE CONDELL, } 1623.

To the great Variety of Readers.

From the most able, to him that can but spell: There you are number'd. We had rather you were weigh'd. Especially, when the fate of all Bookes depends upon your capacities: and not of your heads alone, but of your purses. Well! It is now publique, & you will stand for your priviledges wee know: to read, and censure. Do so, but buy it first. That doth best commend a Booke, the Stationer saies. Then, how odde soever your braines be, or your wisedomes, make your licence the same, and spare not. Judge your sixe-pen'orth, your shillings worth, your five shillings worth at a time, or higher, so you rise to the just rates, and welcome. But, what ever you do, Buy. Censure will not drive a Trade, or make the Jacke go. And though you be a Magistrate of wit, and sit on the Stage at *Black-Friers*, or the *Cock-pit*, to arraigne Playes daillie, know, these Playes have had their triall, already, and stood out all Appeales; and do now come forth quitted rather by a Decree of Court, then any purchas'd Letters of commendation.

It had bene a thing, we confesse, worthie to have bene wished, that the Author himselfe had liv'd to have fet forth, and overseen his owne writings; But since it hath bin ordain'd otherwise, and he by death departed from that right, we pray you do not envie his Friends, the office of their care, and paine, to have collected & publish'd them; and so to have publish'd them, as where (before) you were abus'd with diverse stolne, and surreptitious copies, maimed, and deformed by the frauds and stealthes

of injurious impostors, that expos'd them: even these, are now offer'd to your view cur'd, and perfect of their limbes; and all the rest, absolute in their numbers, as he conceived thē. Who, as he was a happie imitator of Nature, was a most gentle expresse of it. His mind and hand went together: And what he thought, he uttered with that easinesse, that wee have scarce received from him a blot in his papers. But it is not our province, who onely gather his works, and give them you, to praise him. It is yours that reade him. And there we hope, to your divers capacities, you will finde enough, both to draw, and hold you: for his wit can no more lie hid, then it could be lost. Reade him, therefore; and againe, and againe: And if then you doe not like him, surely you are in some manifest danger, not to understand him. And so we leave you to other of his Friends, whom if you need, can bee your guides: if you neede them not, you can leade your selves, and others. And such Readers we wish him.

John Heminge.

Henrie Condell.

Address prefixed to the First Folio Edition of Shakespear's Works.

The statement of these editors "that what he [Shakespeare] thought, he uttered with that easiness, that wee have scarce received from him a blot [*litura*] in his papers," is seemingly confirmed by Ben Jonson (p. 174). [But if by this they intended to convey to the reader the notion that the text of the folio 1623 was printed from the author's own-manuscript, they must stand convicted of a *suggestio falsi*; for five at least of the plays included in that volume are little more than reprints of the previous quarto editions, characterised by them as "surreptitious copies," &c.; others of these quartos must also have been used in preparing the folio for press, and for the remainder, with perhaps a few exceptions, the corrupted stage-copies were probably used. See Prefaces and Notes of Cambridge Editors, of Dyce, Staunton, and others. P. A. D.]

[In all probability, say the Cambridge editors, not one of Shakespere's works was corrected by himself, "nor, with few exceptions, were they printed from the author's manuscript" (*Works*, vol. ix, preface, p. xxi). L. T. S.]

BEN JONSON, 1623.

To the memory of my beloved, the AUTHOR

MR. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE :

and what he hath left us.

To draw no envy (*Shakespeare*) on thy name,
 Am I thus ample to thy Booke, and Fame :
 While I confesse thy writings to be such,
 As neither *Man*, nor *Muse*, can praise too much.
 'Tis true, and all mens suffrage. But these wayes
 Were not the paths I meant unto thy praise :
 For feeleest Ignorance on these may light,
 Which, when it sounds at best, but eccho's right ;
 Or blinde Affection, which doth ne're advance
 The truth, but gropes, and urgeth all by chance ;
 Or crafty Malice, might pretend this praise,
 And thinke to ruine, where it seem'd to raise.
 These are, as some infamous Baud, or Whore,
 Should praise a Matron. What could hurt her more ?
 But thou art prooffe against them, and indeed
 Above th' ill fortune of them, or the need.



I, therefore will begin. Soule of the Age!
 The applause! delight! the wonder of our Stage!
 My *Shakespeare*, rise; I will not lodge thee by
Chaucer, or *Spenser*, or bid *Beaumont* lye
 A little further, to make thee a roome:
 Thou art a Monument, without a tombe,
 And art alive still, while thy Booke doth live,
 And we have wits to read, and praise to give.
 That I not mixe thee so, my braine excuses;
 I meane with great, but disproportion'd *Muses*:
 For, if I thought my judgement were of yeeres,
 I should commit thee surely with thy peeres,
 And tell, how farre thou didst¹ our *Lily* out-shine,
 Or sporting *Kid*, or *Marlowes* mighty line.
 And though thou hadst small *Latine*, and lesse *Greeke*,
 From thence to honour thee, I would not seeke
 For names; but call forth thund'ring *Æschilus*,
Euripides, and *Sophocles* to us,
Paccuvius, *Accius*, him of *Cordova* dead,
 To life againe, to heare thy Buskin tread,
 And shake a Stage: Or, when thy Sockes were on,
 Leave thee alone, for the comparison
 Of all, that insolent *Greece*, or haughtie *Rome*
 sent forth, or since did from their ashes come.

¹ *Sic* in original.



Triump, my *Britaine*, thou hast one to showe,
 To whom all Scenes of *Europe* homage owe.
 He was not of an age, but for all time!
 And all the *Muses* still were in their prime,
 When like *Apollo* he came forth to warme
 Our eares, or like a *Mercury* to charme!
 Nature her selfe was proud of his designes,
 And joy'd to weare the dressing of his lines!
 Which were so richly spun, and woven so fit,
 As, since, she will vouchsafe no other Wit.
 The merry *Greeke*, tart *Aristophanes*,
 Neat *Terence*, witty *Plautus*, now not please;
 But antiquated and deserted lye
 As they were not of Natures family.
 Yet must I not give Nature all: Thy Art,
 My gentle *Shakespeare*, must enjoy a part.
 For though the *Poets* matter, Nature be,
 His Art doth give the fashion. And, that he,
 Who casts to write a living line, must sweat,
 (such as thine are) and strike the second heat
 Upon the *Muses* anvile: turne the same,
 (And himselfe with it) that he thinkes to frame;
 Or for the lawrell, he may gaine a scorne,
 For a good *Poet's* made, as well as borne.



And such wert thou. Looke how the fathers face
 Lives in his issue, even so, the race
 Of *Shakespeares* minde and manners brightly shines
 In his well torned, and true-filed lines :
 In each of which, he seemes to shake a Lance,
 As brandish't at the eyes of Ignorance.
 Sweet Swan of *Avon* ! what a fight it were
 To see thee in our waters yet appeare,
 And make those flights upon the bankes of *Thames*,
 That so did take *Eliza*, and our *James* !
 But stay, I see thee in the *Hemisphere*
 Advanc'd, and made a Constellation there !
 Shine forth, thou Starre of *Poets*, and with rage,
 Or influence, chide, or cheere the drooping Stage ;
 Which, since thy flight frō hence, hath mourn'd like night,
 And despaire day, but for thy Volumes light.

Ben : Jonson.

Prefixed to the First Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works.

It has not, hitherto, been observed, that Ben Jonson's forty couplets have a regular structure. The compiler has ventured upon an innovation to indicate this. ***** Fortunately the three marks of division, to which he has had recourse, fall on the top of each page, so that they serve indifferently as paginal decorations, or as the headings of the second, third, and fourth divisions. By virtue of the latter function, they indicate the following constituent parts of the poem.

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| (1.) An Introduction | } each of eight couplets. |
| (4.) A Peroration | |
| (2.) An Address to Shakespeare | } each of twelve couplets. |
| (3.) An Address to Britain | |

In the third, however, is a passing deviation, viz. "*Thy Art, my Shakespeare,*" &c. A few obscurities in the course of this piece may be noted. "*To draw no envy,*" &c., certainly does not mean what the editor of Brome's *Five New Plays*, 1659 (To the Reader, p. 4), imputes to it; as if Ben thought to lower Shakespeare by extravagantly praising him. He meant to say, that while Ignorance, Affection, or Malice, by excessive, indiscriminate or unjust praise, would be sure to provoke the detraction of Envy,

"these ways
Were not the paths I meant unto thy praise;"

for he could with full knowledge and strict impartiality award him the highest praise that could be expressed. One is reminded (especially by the seventh couplet) of what Ben wrote in *Cynthia's Revels*, where Crites is made to say,

"So they be ill men,
If they spake worse, 'twere better: for of such
To be dispraised, is the most perfect praise." (Act III. sc. iii.)

"*I will not lodge thee,*" &c., refers to Basse's lines, and means that he will not class Shakespeare with Chaucer, Spenser, and Beaumont, because he is out of all proportion greater than they—men "of yeeres" or "for an age." Nor will he praise him by declaring how far he excelled Lily, Kid, and Marlow. Shakespeare, indeed, like them (yet beyond them) was, for the age in which he flourished; but he was also for all time, and not of an age. It is worth remarking, that on the occasion of the Tercentenary Celebration, in London, when "blinde Affection" worshipped the gigantic bust of Shakespeare, at the Agricultural Hall, "seeliest Ignorance" had surmounted the proscenium with the abominable travestie, HE WAS NOT FOR AN AGE, BUT FOR ALL TIME; and the same evil genius presided over Mr. John Leighton's "Official Seal for the National Shakespeare Committee," when he engraved on the scroll at the base of the device the same discreditable perversion, NOT FOR AN AGE, BUT FOR ALL TIME. Mr. Frederick Brett Russell is to be congratulated on his fidelity and sense in surrounding his memorial salver with the actual line of Jonson.

"*Leave thee alone for the comparison,*" &c., is almost repeated *verbatim* in Jonson's *Timber*, where he points to Bacon as

"he who hath fill'd up all numbers, and perform'd that in our tongue,
which may be compar'd, or preferr'd, either to insolent *Greece*, or haughty
Rome." (Jonson's *Works*, fol. 1640, p. 102.)

It is indeed as applicable to Bacon's prose as to Shakespeare's verse. Mr. W. H. Smith endeavours to make capital out of the coincidence, in his *Bacon and Shakespeare*. 1857. pp. 35-36.

"*For though thou had'st,*" &c. Here *hadst* is the subjunctive. The passage may be thus paraphrased:

“Even if thou hadst little scholarship, I would not seek to honour thee by calling thee, as others have done, Ovid, Plautus, Terence, &c., *i.e.*, by the names of the classical poets, but would rather invite them to witness how far thou dost outshine them.”

Ben does not assert that Shakspeare had “little Latine and less Greek,” as several understand him, though doubtless, compared with Ben’s finished scholarship, Shakspeare’s was small : but, that the lack of that accomplishment could only redound to Shakspeare’s honour, who could be Greek or Roman, according to the requirements of the play and the situation.

One could wish that Ben had said all this in Shakspeare’s lifetime ; and one is reminded of what Horace says of the great Poet (Epist. II, i. 13-14).

“Urit enim fulgore suo, qui prægravat artes
Infra se positas : extinctus amabitur idem.”

In the verses prefixed to Cartwright’s *Works*, 1651, signed W. Towers, it is said,

“Thy skill in Wit was not so poorely meek
As theirs whose little *Latin* and no *Greek*
Confin’d their whole Discourse to a Street phrase,
Such Dialect as their next Neighbour’s was.”

This was in allusion to Jonson’s critique on Shakspeare.

HUGH HOLLAND, 1623.

Upon the Lines and Life of the Famous Scenicke Poet,

Master WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

Those hands, which you so clapt, go now, and wring
 You *Britaines* brave ; for done are *Shakespeares* dayes :
 His dayes are done, that made the dainty Playes,
 Which make the Globe of heav'n and earth to ring.
 Dry'de is that veine, dry'd is the *Thespian* Spring,
 Turn'd all to teares, and *Phæbus* clouds his rayes :
 That corp's, that coffin now besticke those bayes,
 Which crown'd him *Poet* first, then *Poets* King.
 If *Tragedies* might any *Prologue* have,
 All those he made, would scarce make one to this :
 Where *Fame*, now that he gone is to the grave
 (Deaths publique tyring-houfe) the *Nuncius* is.
 For though his line of life went soone about,
 The life yet of his lines shall never out.

Hugh Holland.

Prefixed to the First Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works.

LEONARD DIGGES, 1623.

TO THE MEMORIE
of the deceased Authour Maister

W. SHAKESPEARE.

Shake-speare, at length thy pious fellowes give
The world thy Workes : thy Workes, by which, out-live
Thy Tombe, thy name must : when that stone is rent,
And Time dissolves thy *Stratford* Monument,
Here we alive shall view thee still. This Booke,
When Braffe and Marble fade, shall make thee looke
Fresh to all Ages : when Posteritie
Shall loath what's new, thinke all is prodegie
That is not *Shake-speares* ; ev'ry Line, each Verse,
Here shall revive, redeeme thee from thy Herfe.
Nor Fire, nor cankring Age, as *Naso* said,
Of his, thy wit-fraught Booke shall once invade.
Nor shall I e're beleeve, or thinke thee dead
(Though mist) untill our bankrout Stage be sped
(Impossible) with some new strain t' out-do
Passions of *Juliet*, and her *Romeo* ;
Or till I heare a Scene more nobly take,
Then when thy half-Sword parlying *Romans* spake,
Till these, till any of thy Volumes rest
Shall with more fire, more feeling be exprest,
Be sure, our *Shake-speare*, thou canst never dye,
But crown'd with Lawrell, live eternally.

L. Digges.

Prefixed to the First Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works.

I. M., 1623.

To the memorie of M. W. Shake-speare.

Wee wondred (*Shake-speare*) that thou went'ft fo soone
 From the Worlds-Stage, to the Graves-Tying-roome.
 Wee thought thee dead, but this thy printed worth,
 Tels thy Spectators, that thou went'ft but forth
 To enter with applause. An Actors Art,
 Can dye, and live, to acte a second part.
 That's but an *Exit* of Mortalitie;
 This, a Re-entrance to a Plaudite.

Prefixed to the First Folio Edition of Shakespeares Works.

These lines have been attributed to John Marston, Jasper Mayne, and James Mabbe. Those who know Marston feel assured they are not his. Mr. Bolton Corney, who first preferred a claim on behalf of Mabbe, supported it by the following extract from Mabbe's translation of *Guzman de Alfarache*, Part I, p. 175; a work published by Edward Blount, 1623, and attributed to Mateo Aleman. (See *Notes and Queries*: 2nd S., XI, 4.)

"It is a miserable thing, and much to be pittied, that such an Idoll as one of these [a proud courtier], should affect particular adoration; not considering, that he is but a man, a representant, a poore kinde of Comedian that *acts his part upon the Stage of this World*, and comes forth with this or that Office, thus and thus attended, or at least resembling such a person, and that when the play is done (which can not be long) he must presently enter into the *Tying-house of the grave*, and be turned to dust and ashes as one of the sonnes of the Earth, which is the common Mother of us all."

[The simile of the "tyring house" was not uncommon; Holland uses it, before, p. 153, and Davies of Hereford (*Scourge of Folly*, p. 229) says to Robert Armin, "When th' art in the tyring house of earth," and repeats it elsewhere.

It is a question whether such ideas and phrases as those printed in italics in this extract from Mabbe were not the common property of the age (they differ from the "play-scrap" which caught the popular ear and tongue). Here is another from the same writer, p. 13, lecturing women for

painting their faces he says, "O affront, above all other affronts! that God having given thee one face, thou shouldst abuse his image, and make thy selfe another," which resembles Hamlet's objurgation of Ophelia (Act III, sc. i), "I have heard of your paintings too, well enough; God has given you one face, and you make yourselves another"; both evidently follow the biblical arguments of the "stricter sort" against this vice, the strongest expression of which was given by Philip Stubbes in his *Anatomic of Abuses*, 1583. Citing St. Ambrose he has, "For what a dotage is it (saith hee) to chaunge thy naturall face which God hath made thee for a painted face, which thou hast made thyself" (see *Reprint for the New Sh. Soc.*, 1877, pp. 64—66).

Compare also the extracts from Law's *Day Tricks*, before, p. 82, and pp. 53, 54.

The last line alludes to the ancient practice of approbation given at the close of a performance or new play. See Ben Jonson, before, p. 31, and in the *Histrionastix*, a play of 1610, we have "wher's the *Epilogue* must beg the *plaudite*?" (sign. C 1, back). When Jonson's play *The Silent Woman* was first acted, verses were afterwards found on the stage concluding that it was well named the *Silent* woman, because there was "never one man to say *plaudite* to it." Drummond's *Works*, 1711, p. 226. L. T. S.]

SIR HENRY HERBERT, 1623—1636.

To the Duchefs of Richmond, in the kings abſence, was given *The Winter's Tale*, by the K. company, the 18 Janu. 1623. Att. Whitehall.

Upon New-years night, the prince only being there, *The Firſt Part of Sir John Falſtaff*, by the king's company. Att Whitehall, 1624 [Page 228]

For the king's players. An olde playe called *Winter's Tale*, formerly allowed of by Sir George Bucke, and likewyfe by mee on Mr. Hemmings his worde that there was nothing profane added or reformed, thogh the allowed booke was miſſinge; and therefore I returned it without a fee, this 19 of Auguſt, 1623.

[Received] from Mr. Hemmings, in their company's name, to forbid the playing of Shakeſpeare's plays, to the Red Bull Company, this 11 of April 1627, £5. o. o. [Page 229]

On Saterday the 17th of Novemb. [miſtake for 16th] being the Queen's birthday, *Richarde the Thirde* was acted by the K. players at St. James, wher the king and queene were preſent, it being the firſt play the queene ſawe ſince her M.^{ty} delivery of the Duke of York. 1633.

On tuſday night at Saint James, the 26 of Novemb. 1633, was acted before the King and Queene, *The Taminge of the Shrew*. Liket.

On Wenſday night the firſt of January, 1633, *Cymbeline* was acted at Court by the Kings players. Well liket by the Kinge. [pages 233, 234]

The *Winter's Tale* was acted on thurſday night at Court, the 16 Janua. 1633, by the K. players, and liket [page 236]

Julius Cæſar, at St. James, the 31 Janu. 1636 [page 239]

Sir Henry Herbert's Office Book, manuſcript quoted in Malone's Historical Account of the English Stage, Variorum vol. iii, pages as given above.

[“The office-book of Sir Henry Herbert contains an account of almost every piece exhibited at any of the theatres from August 1623, to the commencement of the rebellion in 1641” (*Malone*, III, p. 59), but it “does not furnish us with a regular account of the plays exhibited at court every year” (p. 228). The above are all the entries which relate to Shakespere’s plays from this manuscript as quoted by Malone (see *note*, after, p. 173); but Sir Henry Herbert left several other papers, from which Malone gives us the following notices of Shakespere’s plays. Out of twenty “stock-plays” of the Red Bull actors (afterwards called the King’s servants), from 1660 to 1663, three were Shakespere’s, viz. *Henry the Fourth*, *Merry Wives of Windsor*, and *Othello*. Out of a list of sixty-seven plays entered by Sir H. Herbert from 5 Nov. 1660 to July 23, 1662, only three were Shakespere’s, viz. 8 Nov. 1660, *Henry the Fourth*; 9 Nov., *The Merry Wives of Windsor*; 8 Dec., *The Moore of Venise*. In another of his lists dated Nov. 3, 1663, we have *Henry the 5th*, *Taming the Shrew*, *Macbeth*, and *K. Henry 8*, the last three marked as “revived” plays. Downes the prompter’s list of the stock-plays of the king’s servants, from the Restoration to 1682, gives only *Henry IV*, Part I, *Merry Wives of Windsor*, *Othello*, and *Julius Caesar*, of Shakespere’s. All these particulars seem to belong to the company of Red Bull actors, afterwards called the king’s servants (*Malone*, III, pp. 272—276). Sir Wm. Davenant’s company acted between about 1660 and 1671, *Pericles*, *King Lear*, *Hamlet*, *King Henry VIII*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Twelfth Night*, and as altered by Davenant, *Macbeth* and *The Tempest* (*ib.* p. 277): after 1671, they acted *King Lear*, as altered by Davenant and Shadwell, *Timon of Athens*, *Macbeth*, and *The Tempest*. The “United companies” acted between 1682 and 1695, in Lincoln’s Inn Fields, *Othello*, *Midsummer Night’s Dream*, and *The Taming of the Shrew*—the two last being altered. “Dryden’s *Troilus and Cressida*, however, the two parts of *King Henry IV*, *Twelfth Night*, *Macbeth*, *King Henry VIII*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Hamlet*, were without doubt sometimes represented in the same period: and Tate and Dufey furnished the scene with miserable alterations of *Coriolanus*, *King Richard II*, *King Lear*, and *Cymbeline*. Otway’s *Caius Marius*, which was produced in 1680, usurped the place of our poet’s *Romeo and Juliet* for near seventy years. * * * Dryden’s *All for Love*, from 1678 to 1759, was performed instead of our author’s *Antony and Cleopatra*; and Davenant’s alteration of *Macbeth* in like manner was preferred to our author’s tragedy, from its first exhibition in 1663, for near eighty years” (*ib.* pp. 287-291).

We thus get official notices of fifteen of Shakespere’s plays, that were acted or accustomed to be acted between 1623 and 1663, by the king’s players and the Red Bull actors. The notes for the next thirty years show us ten of Shakespere’s own (of which five were other than the previous fifteen), and ten of Shakespere’s plays altered by various writers, which were performed before the end of our century (1692). L. T. S.]

E. S. (B. of D.) 1624

These ambi-dexter *Gibionites*, are like the *Sea-calves*, *Crocodiles*, *Otters* & *Sea-colt*, *Aristotle* & *Plinie* speake of, which are one while in the water, other-while a land for their greater booties : justly tearmed *Dubia* by *Ifodore*, in that being *Natatilia* & *Grassabilia*, men know not where to find them : for they are like *Hamlets ghost*, *hïc & ubique*, here and there, and every where, for their owne occafion.

Anthropophagus : the Man-Eater. London. 1624. p. 14.

[The author is here speaking of time-servers and flatterers ; the probability that he had himself seen the play gives the allusion additional interest. Mr. Elliot Browne conjectures from this that the stage business of the ghost "was as prominent a feature of the early representation as it has been in later times" (*Athenæum*, Nov. 13, 1875). L. T. S.]

JOHN GEE, 1624.

The *Jesuites* being or having *Actors* of such dexteritie, I see no reason but that they should set up a company for themselves, which surely will put down The *Fortune*, *Red-bull*, *Cock-pit*, & *Globe*. Onely three exceptions some make against them
 * * * * The third abatement of the honor and continuance of this Scenicall company is, that *they make their spectators pay, to deare for their Income*. Representations and Apparitions from the dead might be seene farre cheaper at other Play-houfes. As for example, the *Ghost* in *Hamblet*, *Don Andreas Ghost* in *Hieronimo*. As for flashees of light, we might see very cheape in the Comedie of *Piramus* and *Thifbe*, where one comes in with a Lanthorne and Acts *Mooneshine*.

New Shreds of the old Snare. Containing The Apparitions of two new female Ghosts, &c. 1624. pp. 17, 20.

As to the ghost in *Jeronymo*, see after, Randolph, 1651.

ROBERT BURTON, 1624.

When *Venus* ranne to meet her rose-cheeked *Adonis*, as an elegant *Poet of ours sets her out, * Shakespeare.

—the bushes in the way
Some catch her necke, some kisse her face,
Some twine about her legs to make her stay,
And all did covet her for to embrace.

Part 3. Sec. 2. Memb. 2. Subs. 2.

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And many times those which at the first sight cannot fancy or affect each other, but are harsh and ready to disagree, offended with each others carriage, [like *Benedict* and *Betteris* in the *Comedy] & in whom they finde many faults, by *Shakespeare. this living together in a house, conference, kissing, colling, & such like allurements, begin at last to dote insensibly one upon another.

Part 3. Sec. 2. Memb. 2. Subs. 4. The words in [] appear for the first time in the 3rd Edition, 1628. [Fo.]

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Who ever heard a story of more woe,
Then that of Juliet and her Romeo?

Part 3. Sec. 2. Memb. 4.

The Anatomy of Melancholy. 2nd Edition. 1624. [Fo.] pp. 371 (misprinted 372), 380, 427. Edition 1676. [Fo.] pp. 284, 298, & 332, the "Members" differ in this edition.

For the lines quoted in the first extract Burton trusted to his memory, for in his own copy in the Bodleian Library, [8°. *M. 9. Art. B.S.*,] they run thus :

"the bushes in the way,
Some catch her neck, some kisse her face,
Some twine about her thigh to make her stay :
She wildly breaketh from their strict embrace."

Venus and Adonis, 1602. 8vo. st. 146. (Sign. C v.)

The second line, which is exactly as Burton quotes it, has lost the words "by the." In the British Museum copy of the same edition, that line runs thus :

"Some catch her by the neck, some kisse her face." (Sign. C v.)

The omission was probably detected after a few copies had been pulled, and corrected before the edition was worked off. The Edinburgh edition 1627 was evidently printed from one of the uncorrected copies of the edition of 1602, for it reads

"Some catch her neck, and some doe kisse her face" (p. 36),

eking out the line by the addition of "and" and "doe."

In the second extract, the parenthesis, "like Benedick and Betteris in the comedie," was added in the third edition of Burton's book, issued in 1628. We get *Benedicke and Betteris* for *Much ado about nothing*, ante, p. 104. "Betteris" is phonetic spelling: Beatrice was doubtless vulgarly so pronounced. The Duchess of Newcastle, in one of her *Sociable Letters*, printed in the *Third Period*, spells the name *Bettrice*; so also in *Eastward Hoe*, before, p. 70. D'avenant, too, in *The Man's the Master*, has the name *Bettris*. Leonard Digges, however (under date 1640), gives her three syllables.

The third extract quotes the concluding couplet of *Romeo and Juliet*. They run thus in the old folio :

"For never was a story of more woe
Than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

The old editions of *The Anatomy of Melancholy* bear the dates, 1621, 1624, 1628, 1632, 1638, 1651-2, 1660 and 1676. The British Museum has copies of all of them. That of 1651-2 was the first published after Burton's death (January, 1639). The first edition (1621) only contains the second of the passages quoted, without the words in [].

BEN JONSON, 1625.

Prologue. Wee aske no favour from you ; onely wee would entreate of Madame Expectation——

Expect. What, Mr Prologue ?

Pro. That your Ladi-ship would expect no more then you understand.

Expect. Sir, I can expect enough.

Pro. I feare, too much, Lady, and teach others to do the like.

Expect. I can doe that too, if I have cause.

Pro. Cry you mercy, *you never did wrong, but with just cause.*

The Staple of News. Printed 1631. Induction. [In folio edition of Jonson's Works, Vol. 11, with title-page, dated 1640.]

[“This is meant as a satire on a line in Shakespeare’s *Julius Cæsar*, though it nowhere occurs as it is here represented.” Whalley’s edition of Ben Jonson’s Works, 1756, vol. iv. p. 128. See also Gifford’s edition of Jonson’s Works, 1816, vol. v. p. 162, note ; see also note, after, p. 175. L. T. S.]

RICHARD JAMES, 1625. *circa.*

To my noble friend S^r Henry Bourchier.

Sir Harrie Bourchier, you are descended of Noble Auncestrie, and in y^e dutie of a good man loue to heare and see fair reputation preserved from slander and oblivion. Wherefore to you I dedicate this edition of Ocleve, where S^r Iohn Oldcastel appeeres to have binne a man of valour and vertue, and only loft in his own times because he would not bowe under the foule superstition of Papistrie * *

A young Gentle Lady of your acquaintance, having read y^e works of Shakespeare, made me this question. How S^r Iohn Falstaffe, or Fastolf, as he is written in y^e Statute book of Maudlin Colledge in Oxford, where everye day that society were bound to make memorie of his foul, could be dead in y^e time of Harrie y^e Fift and again live in y^e time of Harrie y^e Sixt to be banished for cowardice: Whereto I made answer that it was one of those humours and mistakes for which Plato banisht all poets out of his commonwealth. That S^r Iohn Falstaffe was in those times a noble valiant souldier, as appeeres by a book in y^e Heralds Office dedicated unto him by a Herald who had binne with him, if I well remember, for the space of 25 yeeres in y^e French wars; that he seems also to have binne a man of learning, because, in a Library of Oxford, I find a book of dedicating Churches sent from him for a present unto Bishop Wainflete, and inscribed with his own hand. That in Shakespeares first shew of Harrie the fift,¹ the person with which he undertook to playe

¹ [The 1st Part of *Henry IV* is here meant. The words "Harrie the fift" are the same in both MSS. L. T. S.]

a buffone was not Falstaffe, but Sir Jhon Oldcastle, and that offence beinge worthily taken by Personages descended from his title (as peradventure by many others allso whoe ought¹ to have him in honourable memorie, the poet was¹ putt to make an ignorant shifte of abusing Sir Jhon Falstophe, a man not inferior of Vertue, though not so famous in pietie as the other, who gave witness unto the truth of our reformation with a constant and resolute Martyrdom, unto which he was purfued by the Priests, Bishops, Moncks, and Friers of those days.

Dedication to Sir Henrye Bourchier, prefixed to The Legend and Defence of the Noble Knight and Martyr Sir Jhon Oldcastle James MS. 34, Bodleian Library, Oxford. Printed by Mr. J. O. Halliwell Phillipps in his work, entitled, On the Character of Sir John Falstaff, as originally exhibited by Shakespeare in the two parts of King Henry IV. 1841. [12mo.] pp. 19, 20.

¹ A line omitted in Grenville MS., *to have—was.*

Compare this extract with the following :

“One word more, I beseech you ; if you be not too much cloid with Fat Meate, our humble Author will continue the Story (with *Sir John* in it) and make you merry, with faire *Katherine of France*: where (for any thing I know) *Falstaffe* shall dye of a sweat, unlesse already he be kill'd with your hard Opinions: For *Old-Castle* dyed a Martyr, and this is not the man.”
Epilogue to 2 *Henry IV.*

[John Weever, in the dedication of his *Mirror of Martyrs*, 1601, speaking of his poem, says that it “some two yeares agoe was made fit for the Print ; that so long keeping the corner of my studie, wherein I vse to put waste paper: This first trew Oldcastle thought himselfe iniurde, because he might not bee suffered to sustaine the second Martyrdome of the Presse.” Mr. Collier sees in this an allusion to “the second false Oldcastle,” of Shakespeare's creation. *Bibliographical Account*, vol ii. p. 498. (See note as to Oldcastle and Falstaff, after, George Daniel, 1647.)

Oocleve's *Legend & Defence of Sir John Oldcastle* appears never to have been printed, a fate which Richard James' edition of the poem also shared, though he added many notes to its 73 stanzas. The British Museum Grenville MS. XXXV, is another copy, the dedication in it differing slightly in spelling from the Bodleian MS. L. T. S.]

JOHN FLETCHER (*died* 1625).

It was not poyfon, but a sleeping potion
 Which she received, yet of sufficient strength
 So to bind up her senses, that no signe
 Of life appeard in her, and thus thought dead
 In her best habit, as the custome is
 You know in Malta, with all ceremonies
 She's buried in her families monument,
 In the Temple of St. *John* ; i'le bring you thither,
 Thus, as you are disguifd ; some fix howers hence
 The potion will leave working.

*The Knight of Malta, Act IV. sc. i ; Beaumont
 and Fletcher's Works, 1647. [Fol.]*

[The *Knight of Malta* is by Fletcher only, according to Dyce ; by Fletcher and Middleton, according to Fleay, who says it was written before 1619. The above passage is certainly in imitation of Friar Lawrence' speech, Act IV. sc. i. of *Romeo and Juliet*. P. A. Daniel.]

* JOHN FLETCHER (*and another*) (*died 1625*).

“the faire dames,
 Beauties, that lights the Court, and makes it shew
 Like a faire heaven, in a frosty night :
 And mongft these mine, not pooreft,———’

*The Noble Gentleman. Act I. sc. i. Beaumont
 and Fletcher's Works. Fol. 1647.*

[The date of this play is uncertain, as well as the name of the second writer who had a hand in it. The lines given above seem to be in imitation of the following from *Romeo and Juliet*, Act I. sc. ii.—

“At my poor house, look to behold this night
 Earth treading stars, that make dark heaven light :

* * * * *

Such amongst view of many, mine being one,” etc.

P. A. Daniel.]

MICHAEL DRAYTON, 1627.

Shakespeare thou hadst as smooth a Comicke vaine,
 Fitting the socke, and in thy natural braine,
 As strong conception, and as Cleere a rage,
 As any one that trafiqu'd with the stage.

"To my most dearely-loved friend HENERY REYNOLDS, Esquire,
 of Poets and Poesie." *Elegies, at the end of the Battaile of
 Agincourt [and other poems]. 1627. p. 206.*

Professor David Masson in his admirable *Life of Sir William Drummond*, 1873 (p. 113), appears to refer this epistle to the date 1619-1620. Langbaine and others refer to it as "a Censure of the Poets," but the above is the correct title. There is a copy of the Edition of Drayton's "Poems collected into one volume," with title bearing date 1620, in the Grenville Library, and a copy of the same Edition, with titles bearing date 1619, in the British Museum Library: but the Epistle "on Poets and Poesie" is not in either. We believe it was first printed in this collection of 1627, which contains an entirely different set of poems to that of 1620.

ROBERT GELL, 9 August, 1628.

On teufday his Grace was present at y^e acting of ¹ K. Hen. 8 at y^e Globe, a play bespoken of purpose by himself; whereat he staid till y^e Duke of Buckingham was beheaded, & then departed. Some say, he should rather have seen y^e fall of Cardinall Woolsey, who was a more lively type of himself, having governed this kingdom 18 yeares, as he hath done 14.

Letter from Robert Gell to Sir Martyn Stuteville, Harl. MS. 383, fo. 65. Printed in the Shakespere Society's Papers, 1845, vol. ii. p. 151.

¹ "of" repeated twice in MS.

[“His Grace” who bespoke the performance of *Henry VIII.* was the Duke of Buckingham, “Baby Charles” “Steenie.” The “fall of Cardinall Woolsey” is perhaps Chettle’s play of *Cardinal Wolsey* mentioned in Henslowe’s Diary (Shakespere Society, ed. 1845, pp. 189, 194). Mr. Furnivall, however, thinks that Gell did not mean that Buckingham might have appropriately seen another play, but that he might have staid to see the end of *Henry VIII.*, and the fall of Wolsey in it. L. T. S.]

ABRAHAM COWLEY. BETWEEN 1628 AND 1631.

Away got I¹; but e'er I farre did goe
 I flung (the Darts of wounding *Poetrie*)
 These two or three sharpe curfes backe: may hee
 Bee by his Father in his study tooke,
 At *Shakespeares* playes, instead of my *L. Cooke*.

A Poeticall Revenge. Minor poem, in Silva, or Divers copies of Verses made upon sundry Occasions. Added to Poeticall Blossomes. 2nd edition, 1636, sign. E 6, back.

¹ [The point of this is, the pert school-boy Cowley in Westminster Hall flinging his "darts" against the foppish young lawyer who has thrust him from his seat. The poems in "Silva" are among those which Cowley himself says, "I wrote at school from the age of ten years, till after fifteen" (Preface to *Poems*, leaf a. 3, back, ed. 1656), and which he first printed in 1633 and 1636. They are afterwards found in the "Second Parte" of his "Works." L. T. S.]

* PHILIP MASSINGER, 1629.

Paris. Sir, with your pardon,
 I'll offer my advice! I once observ'd
 In a Tragedie of ours, in which a murder
 Was acted to the life, a guiltie hearer
 Forc'd by the terror of a wounded conscience
 To make discoverie of that, which torture
 Could not wring from him. Nor can it appear
 Like an impossibilitie, but that.
 Your Father looking on a covetous man
 Presented on the Stage as in a mirror
 May see his owne deformity, and loath it.

The Roman Actor. A Tragedie. 1629, sign. D 2.

See *Hamlet*, Act II. scene ii. :

“The play's the thing

Wherein I'll catch the conscience of the king.”

[This may or may not be an allusion to *Hamlet*: Massinger may have had in his mind some of the incidents in real life which probably suggested the scene to Shakespere himself, or have remembered the same ideas in the old play, *A Warning to Fair Women*, 1599. See R. Simpson's *School of Shakspere*, 1878, Vol. II, pp. 212—216, 311, where some tales of the kind are narrated. L. T. S.]

BEN JONSON, 1629—1630.

No doubt some mouldy tale,
 Like *Pericles*; and stale
 As the Shrieve's crufts, and nasty as his fish-
 scraps, out [of] every dish
 Throwne forth, and rak't into the common tub,
 May keepe up the *Play-club*:
 There, sweepings do as well
 As the best order'd meale.
 For, who the relifh of these ghefts will fit,
 Needs set them, but, the almes-basket of wit.

Ode [first line, *Come leave the lothed stage*] appended to *The New Inn, or The Light Heart*. 1631. [12mo.] Sign. H 2.

Ben Jonson's verses were written as a vent for his indignation, after the failure of *The New Inn* in 1629 had left him straitened and discomfited.

Owen Feltham's verses, p. 180, are a clever parody on Jonson's: Jug, Pierce, Peck, and Fly, are characters in Jonson's play. "Discourse so weighed" refers to the third and fourth Acts of *The New Inn*.

T. Randolph, T. Carew, and J. Cleveland all wrote odes to console Ben for his disappointment, and to win him back to his work. What an irritable, self-seeking, praise-loving old genius he was!

[The word ending the third line is usually printed with a dash after it, *scraps* in the next line beginning with a large S. The above is the form of the print of 1631. L. T. S.]

SIR HENRY HERBERT, 1629-31.

1629. The benefitt of the winters day from the kinges company being brought mee by Blagrove, upon the play of *The Moor of Venise*, comes, this 22 of Nov. 1629, unto—9*l.* 16*s.* *od.*
1631. Received of Mr. Benfielde, in the name of the kinges company, for a gratuity for ther liberty gaind unto them of playinge, upon the ceflation of the plague, this 10 of June, 1631—3*l.* 10*s.* *od.*—This was taken upon *Pericles* at the Globe.
1631. Received of Mr. Shanke, in the name of the kinges company, for the benefitt of their summer day, upon y^e second daye of *Richard y^e Seconde*, at the Globe, this 12 of June, 1631—5*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

MS. of Sir Henry Herbert, printed by Malone in his Historical Account of the English Stage, 1821. Variorum, iii. 177.

[Sir Henry Herbert was Master of the Revels to James I, Charles I, and Charles II. From his Office Book, now lost, Malone printed many interesting details, from which I gather those which refer to the acting of Shakespere's plays during the period over which its entries extend, from 1623 to 1642. Under date 1628, Herbert notes that the king's company "have given mee the benefitt of too dayes in the yeare, the one in summer, thother in winter, to bee taken out of the second daye of a revived playe, att my owne choyse." (Malone, iii. p. 176.) Three of these benefits, as seen above, were taken on plays of Shakespere. See before, pp. 157, 158. L. T. S.]

BEN JONSON, 1630-37.

De Shakespeare nostrat. I remember, the Players have often mentioned it as an honour to *Shakespeare*, that in his writing, (whatsoever he penn'd) hee never blotted out line. My answer hath beene, would he had blotted a thousand. Which they thought a malevolent speech. I had not told posterity this, but for their ignorance, who choose that circumstance to commend their friend by, wherein he most faulted. And to justify mine owne candor, (for I lov'd the man, and doe honour his memory (on this side Idolatry) as much as any.) Hee was (indeed) honest, and of an open, and free nature: had an excellent *Phantzie*; brave notions, and gentle expressions: wherein hee flow'd with that facility, that sometime it was necessary he should be stop'd: *Sufflaminandus erat*; as *Augustus* said of *Haterius*. His wit was in his owne power; would the rule of it had beene so too. Many times hee fell into those things, could not escape laughter: As when hee said in the person of *Cæsar*, one speaking to him; *Cæsar thou dost me wrong*. Hee replied: *Cæsar did n.ver wrong, but with just cause*: and such like; which were ridiculous. But hee redeemed his vices, with his vertues. There was ever more in him to be pray'd, then to be pardon'd.

Timber: or, Discoveries made upon men and matter: as they have flow'd out of his daily Readings; or had their refluxe to his peculiar Notion of the Times. Works: 1641. [Fo.] vol. ii. pp 97-98.

In the remarks *de Shakespeare nostrati* we have, doubtless, Ben's closet-opinion of his friend, opposed as it seems to be to that in his address to Britain (p. 149), where Ben appears to praise him for that very quality

"wherein he most faulted:" for evidently Shakespeare did not dream of conforming to the Horatian precept (Sat. I, x. 72-73):

"Sæpe stylum veritas, iterum quæ digna legi sint
Scripturus."

Though Ben regretted and condemned his friend's rapidity of execution, it does not appear that he assumed (like Cowley, in a passage quoted in the *Third Period*) the right "to prune and lop away" what did not square with his canons of criticism.

In his *Timber*, under the head, *De Stylo, et optimo scribendi genere*, Ben expatiates on the duty of self-restraint in composition. He says (*inter alia dicta*), "No matter how slow the style be at first, so it be labour'd and accurate;" and again, "So that the summe of all is, ready writing makes not good writing; but good writing brings on ready writing: yet, when wee thinke wee have got the faculty, it is even then good to resist it;" &c.

Ben's critique on the passage (as it must have originally stood) in *Julius Cæsar* is captious. The justice of the cause is not inconsistent with wrong inflicted on others beside the expiator. Mr. J. O. Halliwell-Phillips rightly observes, "If *wrong* is taken in the sense of *injury* or *harm*, as Shakespeare sometimes uses it, there is no absurdity in this line. [Cf.] 'He shall have wrong.' 2 *Henry VI*, v. 1." (*Life of Shakespeare*, 1848, p. 185.) Again, in *A Winter's Tale*, v. 1, *Paulina*, speaking of the hapless Queen, says,

"Had she such power,
She had just cause.
Leontes. She had, and would incense me
To murder her I married."

That is, she had just cause to incite him to do another a grievous wrong. This is even more amenable to Jonson's censure than the passage which fell under it.

[The line as it stands at present, with the punctuation of the *Globe* edition, is as follows,—

"Know, Cæsar doth not wrong, nor without cause
Will he be satisfied." Act III, Sc. i, l. 47.

There are no words of Metellus answering to those cited by Jonson, "Cæsar thou dost me wrong." If he quoted correctly (he has the words twice over, see before, p. 163), the folio contains an alteration (the folio of 1623 being the first authority we have for *Julius Cæsar*). Whatever the exact words, it seems to me highly probable that Shakespeare in putting this sentiment on Cæsar's lips, had in his mind the well known maxim, "the King can do no wrong," a phrase which means that the king is but the mouthpiece of the law; and it is consistent with this that Cæsar founds his refusal to pardon Cimber upon the law,—"Thy brother by decree is banished." L. T. S.]

JOHN MILTON, 1630.

An Epitaph on the admirable Dramaticke Poet,

W. SHAKESPEARE.

- What neede¹ my *Shakespeare* for his honour'd bones,
 The labour of an Age, in piled stones
 Or that his hallow'd Reliques should be hid
 4 Under a starre-y-pointing Pyramid ?
 Dear Sonne of Memory, great Heire of *Fame*,
 What needst thou such dull² witnessse of thy Name ?
 Thou in our wonder and astonishment
 8 Haft built thy selfe a lasting³ Monument :
 For whil'ft to th' shame of slow-endavouring Art
 Thy easie numbers flow, and that each part,⁴
 Hath from the leaves of thy unvalued Booke,
 12 Those Delphicke Lines with deepe Impression tooke
 Then thou our fancy of her⁵ selfe bereaving,
 Dost make us Marble with too much conceiving,
 And so Sepulcher'd in such pompe dost lie
 16 That Kings for such a Tombe would wish to die.

*Prefixed to the Second Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works, 1632 :
 appended to Shakespeare's Poems, 1640, sign. K 8, and republished
 in Milton's Poems, 1645, p. 27.*

[In the edition of Milton's Poems, 1645, these lines are headed, "On Shakespeare, 1630," this is our only authority for giving them that date.

The following variations are found in the three editions: Shakespere's Poems, 1640, is referred to as A ; Milton's Poems, 1645, as B.

¹ *needs* for need, B.

² *weake* for *dull*, A, B.

³ *live-long* for *lasting*, A, B.

⁴ *heart* for *part*, A, B.

⁵ *our selfe* A, *it self* B, for *her selfe*.

L. T. S.]

We have the choice of three early printed versions of Milton's lines :
 1. The commendatory verses prefixed to the Folio Edition of Shakespeare, 1632. 2. Those appended to the unauthorised edition of Shakespeare's Poems, published in 1640. 3. The edition of Milton's poems published in 1645. We have preferred the first and least pleasing of the three, as being, unquestionably, Milton's first draft of the lines : allowing, of course, that *part* is a press-error for "hart" (*i. e.* heart).

The expression "star-ypointing pyramid" was doubtless intended to signify, *pointing to the stars* : and the prefix *y* is similarly used by Sackville, in his legend, entitled, *The Complaint of Henry Duke of Buckingham* (Sackville-West's Ed., 1859, p. 140).

"Sans earthly guilt ycausing both be slain."

(See *Notes and Queries*, 4th S., iv, p. 331.) Had the line in Milton run

"Under a star-ypointed pyramid,"

the sense would have been, under a pyramid surmounted with a star. (See Marsh's *Lectures*, edited by Dr. Wm. Smith, 1862, Lecture xv, p. 232, note.) One is reminded of some lines attributed to Shakespeare, quoted by many editors and biographers of Shakespeare.

"Not monumentall stone preserves our fame,
 Nor skye-aspiring piramids our name,"

and the assertion, that each heart hath

"Those delphic lines with deep impression took,"

recals a passage in Shakespeare's *Lucrece*, where he speaks of

"The face, that map which deep impression bears,
 Of hard misfortune carved in it with tears."

Coleridge wrote lines 7, 8, 15, 16, on the margin of one of Donne's letters to the Lady G., opposite the following passage :

"No prince would be loath to die that were assured of so fair a tomb to preserve his memory." (Notes Theological, Political, and Misc., 1853, p. 258.)

Milton's meaning, however, is this. Every heart, by the plastic power of fancy, takes deep impression of Shakespeare's lines. Then, by deprivation of fancy, we are turned to marble ; and we thus become an *inscribed monument* to Shakespeare. But the conceit is affected, and the conjugate use of "whilst" and "then" in these verses is, to say the least, very unusual.

* JOHN TAYLOR, THE WATER POET, 1630.

I am no loonier eafed of him, but *Gregory Gandergoofe*, an Alderman of *Gotham*, catches me by the goll, demanding if *Bohemia* be a great Towne, and whether there bee any meate in it, and whether the laft fleet of fhips be arrived there.

Taylor's Travels to Prague in Bohemia. Works, 1630, iii. p. 90.

[This seems to be a good-humoured laugh at Shakespere's blunder in the *Winter's Tale*, in placing Bohemia near the sea, in which he followed Greene's *Pandosto*, the story on which he founded his play. See before, p. 130. L. T. S.]

JOHN TAYLOR, THE WATER POET, 1630.

And laft he laughed in the Cambrian tongue, & began to declare in the Utopian ſpeech, what I have here with moſt diligent negligence Tranſlated into the Engliſh Language, in which if the Printer hath placed any line, letter or fillable, whereby this large volume may be made guilty to be underſtood by any man, I would have the Reader not to impute the fault to the Author, for it was farre from his purpoſe to write to any purpoſe, ſo ending at the beginning, I ſay as it is applawſefully written and commended to poſterity in the Midſummer nights dreame. If we offend, it is with our good will, we came with no intent, but to offend, and ſhew our ſimple ſkill.

To Nobody. Epistle prefixed to Sir Gregory Nonsense; his news from no place. Works (collected by himself), 1630. [Fol.] [First piece in the Second Part.]

OWEN FELTHAM, 1630 ?

Jug, Pierce, Peck, Fly, and all
 Your Jestts so nominal,
 Are things so far beneath an able Brain,
 As they do throw a stain
 Through all th' unlikely plot, and do displease
 As deep as *Pericles*,
 Where yet there is not laid
 Before a Chamber-maid
 Discourse so weigh'd, as might have serv'd of old
 For Schools, when they of Love & Valour told.

Lusoria or, Occasional Pieces, first printed as an addition to the eighth edition of Feltham's Resolves, 1661, folio. No. xx. An answer to the Ode, Come leave the loathed Stage, &c. (See extract and note on p. 172.)

"*Anonimos*," 1630.

One travelling through *Stratford upon Avon*, a Towne most remarkable for the birth of famous *William Shakespeare*, and walking in the Church to doe his devotion, espyed a thing there worthy observation, which was a tombestone laid more then three hundred years agoe, on which was ingraven an Epitaph to this purpose, I *Thomas* such a one, and *Elizabeth* my wife here under lye buried, and know Reader *I. R. C.* and *I. Chrystoph. Q.* are alive at this houre to witnesse it.

A Banquet of Feasts or Change of Cheare. 1630. No. 259.
Bodleian Lib., 8° L. 78, Art., and 8° M. 27. *Med.* See
Collier's Bibliog. and Crit. Account, ii. pp. 335-6.

* JOHN SPENCER, 1631.

Likewise wee doe order that Mr. Wilson because hee was a speciall plotter and Contriver of this busines and did in such a brutishe Manner act the same with an Asses head, therefore hee shall vpon Tuifday next from 6 of the Clocke in the Morning till fixe of the Clocke at night sitt in the Porters Lodge at my Lord Bishoppes house with his feete in the stockes and Attyred with his Affe head and a bottle of haye sett before him and this superfcripcion on his breast ;

Good people I have played the beast
 And brought ill things to passe
 I was a man, but thus have made
 Myfelfe a Silly Affe.

Lambeth MS. 1030, art. 5, p. 3.

[Among the MSS. at Lambeth Palace is an Order made by the Commissary-General, John Spencer, against John Williams, Bishop of Lincoln, for having had "a playe or Tragidie" acted in his house on Sunday, 27 September, 1631. The Order includes censure of several other persons who appear to have been present, the last one being as above. A letter from Spencer, censuring one of the ladies present, occupies the other leaf of the same sheet, in which he notices that she went "to heare such excellent Musicke, such rare Conceits, and to see such Curious Actours." I give this doubtful "allusion" because several, following Collier's *Annals of the Stage*, Vol. II, p. 27, have taken for granted that it refers to the *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Beyond these notices, however, there is nothing to tell with certainty what the play was. Near the bottom of page 3, in the margin have been written the words "the play M Night Dr," but these are

evidently the work of a later hand and have been written over an erasure : they are not in the hand of either Laud, Lincoln, or Spencer, or of the endorser of the paper, but look like a bad imitation of old writing. No reliance can therefore be placed upon them.

Elsewhere Spencer speaks of the play as a *comedy* ; if Wilson were not the author, at least he had a large share in the arrangement of it. In a *Discourse of Divers Petitions*, 1641, p. 19, speaking of Bp. Lincoln and this presentment, Spencer says, "one Mr. Wilson a cunning Musition having contrived a curious Comodie, and plotted it so, that he must needs have it acted upon the Sunday night, for he was to go the next day toward the Court ; the Bishop put it off till nine of the clock at night." L. T. S.]

JOHN MILTON, 1632—1638.

Then to the well-trod stage anon,
If *Jonson's* learned sock be on,
Or sweetest *Shakespeare*, Fancy's child,
Warble his native wood-notes wild.

L'Allegro, ll. 131—134. *Poetical Works of John Milton*, by David Masson. Vol. II, pp. 205, 422.
Milton's Poems. 1645 [12 mo.], p. 36.

* PHILIP MASSINGER, 1632.

Livio. To dye the beggers death with hunger, made
Anatomies while we live, cannot but cracke
Our heart-frings with vexation.

Ferdinand. Would they would breake,
Breake altogether, how willingly like *Cato*
Could I teare out my bowells, rather then
Looke on the conquerors infulting face,
But that religion, and the horrid dreame
To be suffer'd in the other world denies it.

The Maid of Honour. 1632. [4to.] Sign. E 3.

[See *Hamlet*, Act III. scene i. ll. 78—80.
Part of the two last lines seem to be a reminiscence of Hamlet's famous
words,—

“But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscover'd country from whose bourn
No traveller returns, puzzles the will
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of.”

L. T. S.]

George Chapman and James Shirley, 1632.

Lady Lucina. I did propound a bufinesse to you fir.

Coronell. And I came prepar'd to answer you.

Luc. Tis very well, Ile call one to be a witnesse.

Co. That was not I remember in our Covenant,
You fhannot neede. *Luc.* Ile fetch you a booke to fware by.

Co. Let it be *Venus* and *Adonis* then,
Or *Ovids* wanton Elegies, Arifotles
Problemes, Guy of Warwicke, or Sr. Beavis,
Or if there be a Play Booke you love better,
Ile take my oath upon your Epilogue.

The Ball, a Comedy. 1639, sign. H.

[This play, according to Gifford, was licensed in 1632, and first printed in 1639 (*Works of James Shirley, with notes by Gifford and Dyce, 1833, vol. iii. p. 3.* L. T. S.)]

* THOMAS RANDOLPH 1632.

Afotus [addressing the Poets skull]

I scorn thy Lyrick and Heroick strain,
 Thy tart Iambick, and Satyrick vein.
 Where be thy querks and tricks? show me again
 The strange conundrums of thy frisking brain,
 Thou Poets skull, and say, What's rime to chimney?
 (p. 60.)

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Serton. It had been a mighty favour once, to have kiff'd these
 lips that grin fo. * * Oh! if that Lady now could but behold
 this phynomie of hers in a looking-glasse, what a monster would
 she imagine herself? Will all her perrukes, tyres and dresses,
 with her chargeable teeth, with her cerusse and pomatum, and
 the benefit of her painter & doctor, make this idol up again?

Paint Ladies while you live, and plaister fair,
 But when the house is fallne 'tis past repair.
 (p. 61.)

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Afotus. Phœbus whip
 Thy lazy team, run headlong to the West,
 I long to taste the banquet of the night.

(p. 19.)

Simo. That I should have so ravishing a face,
 And never know it!—Miser that I was!

I will go home & buy a looking glasse
To be acquainted with my parts hereafter.

(p. 46.)

Tyndarus. Pamphilus, welcome : Shake thy sorrows off,
Why in this age of freedome dost thou sit
A captiv'd wretch? I do not feel the weight
Of clay about me. Am I not all aire?
Or of some quicker element? I have purg'd out
All that was earth about me, and walk now
As free a fowl as in the separation.

(p. 24.)

The Jealous Lovers. A Comedie. 1632.

[The whole scene (sc. iii. Act IV.) from which the two first of these extracts are taken recalls strongly the grave-digger's scene in *Hamlet*, and is worth reading with it; though the expressions are not absolutely repeated, the author must have had Shakespere in his mind when he wrote. The third extract is another use of the idea expressed in the first three lines of Juliet's speech, *Rom. & Jul.*, Act III. sc. ii. The fourth may recall the last part of Gloucester's soliloquy, *Rich. III*, Act I. sc. ii.

The fifth resembles the sentiment in Cleopatra's ecstatic words at her death (*Ant. and Cleop.*, Act V. sc. ii. l. 292), but need not necessarily have been borrowed from Shakespere. See notes before, pp. 53, 155. There is some interest, as Prof. Dowden remarks, in noting the involuntary tribute to Shakespere from Randolph, a professed pupil of Jonson, who would probably look on him as the dramatist by art, and who talked of Shakespere as having written for money. See extracts from his *Hey for Honesty*, 1651. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1632.

*Upon the Effigies of my worthy Friend,
the Author*

*Master William Shakespearre,
and his Workes.*

Spectator, this Life's Shaddow is ; To see
The truer image and a livelier he
Turne Reader. But, observe his Comicke vaine,
Laugh, and proceed next to a Tragicke straine,
Then weepe ; So when thou find'st two contraries,
Two different passions from thy rapt soule rise,
Say, (who alone effect such wonders could)
Rare *Shake-speare* to the life thou dost behold.

*Prefixed to the Second Folio Edition of Shakespeare's
Works ; 1632.*

I. M. S., 1632.

*On Worthy Master Shakespeare
and his Poems.*

A Mind reflecting ages past, whose cleere
 And equall surface can make things appeare
 Distant a Thousand yeares, and represent
 Them in their lively colours just extent.

5 To outrun hasty time, retrace the fates,
 Rowle backe the heavens, blow ope the iron gates
 Of death and Lethe, where (confused) lye
 Great heapes of ruinous mortalitie.
 In that deepe duskie dungeon to discern

10 A royall Ghost from Churles; By art to learne
 The Physiognomie of shades, and give
 Them suddaine birth, wondring how oft they live.
 What story coldly tells, what *Poets* faine
 At second hand, and picture without braine

15 Senselesse and fowlesse shoves. To give a Stage
 (Ample and true with life) voyce, action, age,
 As *Plato's* yeare and new Scene of the world
 Them unto us, or us to them had hurld.
 To raise our auncient Sovereignes from their herse

20 Make Kings his subjects, by exchanging verse
 Enlive their pale trunks, that the present age
 Joyes in their joy, and trembles at their rage:
 Yet so to temper passion, that our eares
 Take pleasure in their paine; And eyes in teares

25 Both weepe and smile; fearefull at plots so sad,
 Then, laughing at our feare; abut'd, and glad

- To be abus'd, affected with that truth
 Which we perceive is false ; pleas'd in that ruth
 At which we start ; and by elaborate play
 30 Tortur'd and tickled ; by a crablike way
 Time past made pastime, and in ugly fort
 Disgorging up his ravaine for our sport——
 ——While the *Plebeian* Impe, from lofty throne,
 Creates and rules a world, and workes upon
 35 Mankind by secret engines ; Now to move
 A chilling pittie, then a rigorous love :
 To strike up and stroake down, both joy and ire ;
 To steere th' affections ; and by heavenly fire
 Mould us anew. Stolne from ourselves——
- 40 This, and much more which cannot be exprest,
 But by himselfe, his tongue and his owne brest,
 Was *Shakespeares* freehold, which his cunning braine
 Improv'd by favour of the ninefold traine.
 The buskind Muse, the Commicke Queene, the ground
 45 And lowder tone of *Clio* ; nimble hand,
 And nimbler foote of the melodious paire,
 The Silver voyced Lady ; the most faire
Calliope, whose speaking silence daunts.
 And she whose prayse the heavenly body chants.
- 50 These joyntly woo'd him, envying one another
 (Obey'd by all as Spouse, but lov'd as brother)
 And wrought a curious robe of fable grave
 Fresh greene, and pleasant yellow, red most brave,
 And constant blew, rich purple, guiltlesse white
 55 The lowly Ruffet, and the Scarlet bright ;
 Branch'd and embroydred like the painted Spring
 Each leafe match'd with a flower, and each string
 Of golden wire, each line of filke ; there run
Italian workes whose thred the Sifters spun ;

- 60 And there did fmg, or feeme to fmg, the choyce
 Birdes of a forraine note and various voyce.
 Here hangs a moffey rocke ; there plays a faire
 But chiding fountaine purled : Not the ayre,
 Nor cloudes nor thunder, but were living drawne,
- 65 Not out of common Tiffany or Lawne.
 But fine materialls, which the Muses know
 And onely know the countries where they grow.
 Now, when they could no longer him enjoy
 In mortall garments pent ; death may deftroj
- 70 They fay his body, but his verfe shall live
 And more then nature takes, our hands shall give.
 In a leffe volumne, but more strongly bound
Shakespeare shall breath and fpeake, with Laurell crown'd
 Which never fades. Fed with Ambrofian meate
- 75 In a well-lyned vefture rich and neate.
 So with this robe they cloath him, bid him weare it
 For time shall never ftaine, nor envy teare it.

*The friendly admirer of his
 Endowments.*

I. M. S.

Prefixed to the Second Folio Edition of Shakespeare's Works.

The compiler has followed the example of all his predecessors in treating the letters I. M. S. as the initials of the author's name : so he has placed them at the head of this noble composition. But it has not been without compunction that he has made this concession : for he is inclined to believe that those letters signify the words *In Memoriam Scriptoris*. The fact is—what has been often recognised—that this magnificent tribute to Shakespeare's worth is a sort of rival to that of Ben Jonson, thus ennobling the second folio, as Jonson's had graced the first. Now Jonson declared his poem to be *In Memory of the (deceased) Author, &c.* ; so it is natural to look for some echo of this description in the rival poem : and these words might be precisely rendered by *In Memoriam Scriptoris (decessi)*, the last word being quite unimportant. This reading leaves the field clear for conjecture on the identity of the Friendly Admirer. Apart from all attempt to fit the initials on a poet's name, only one conjecture has been made ; viz. that of Boaden,

in his *Inquiry*, 1824, pp. 106, 119. After dismissing the view that I. M. S. meant Jasper Mayne (Student), John Marston (Student, or Satirist), or John Milton (Senior), he advocates the claims of George Chapman, and makes out a plausible case for that admirable poet. A correspondent in *Notes and Queries* (2nd S., VII. 123) suggests J. M. (Scotus), identifying I. M. S. with the person who presented Chapman with the plate prefixed to his *Iliad*, and the probable author of the subscribed couplet, signed "Scotiæ Nobilis." Some time back the editor privately proposed to father this poem on Dr. John Donne. There are similarities of diction which countenance this view, and surely Donne was equal to the effort.¹ On the other hand, it is impossible to extract from Donne's poems a piece of equal length which is not disfigured by some lines of amazing harshness; while in the poem of the Friendly Admirer there is little or no interruption to the majestic flow and delicious smoothness of the verse. Its reigning fault is a certain looseness of metaphor. It might serve to lament and praise any great dramatic poet; nothing is accurately significant of Shakespeare's peculiar genius: in this view the "curious robe" woven by the muses is an *eye-sore*: but the description of it is so exquisitely beautiful, that it provides the compensating *eye-salve*. William Godwin (*Life of E. & J. Phillips*, 1815, p. 171, note) suggested that I. M. S. meant *John Milton Senior*: Mr. Collier (*Shakespeare's Works*, 1858, i. p. [257, note]) attributed the poem to *John Milton, Student*. The latter view has found an able advocate in Professor Henry Morley. But it is easily shown that the structure of the verse belongs to an earlier period than that of Milton.

The late Mr. Dyce (Ed. of Shakespeare, 1864, vol. i. p. 169) appears to favour the claim preferred for Jasper Mayne: but such an opinion only serves to show how little reliance can be placed upon Mr. Dyce's critical deliverances. The best of Mayne's verses, such as those pointed out by Mr. Dyce, and those praised by the late Mr. Bolton Corney (*Notes and Queries*, 4th S., II. 147) are merely respectable. His worst verses make us wonder what could have been the vanity that prompted them, and the flattery that praised them! Mayne might just as well have composed a poem comparable to *Paradise Lost*, as have written the elegy of the Friendly Admirer. But Mr. Dyce had as little sensibility to the higher graces of poetry as Samuel Johnson. Mr. Hunter's idea, adopted by Singer, and arrived at independently by Watkiss Lloyd, was that I. M. S. were the consonants of the surname of Richard James. If such a poet were to be discovered, the conjecture would still be out of court, for it is not a poet

¹ [Dr. B. Nicholson has read Donne carefully and often, and can affirm that these lines cannot be by him. This poem seems in some degree to have followed Donne's style, he had various imitators; there is a slight imitation of his pauses and cadence, and in the first part of the poem of his roughness of wording. L. T. S.]

that we require, but a *very great* poet. Besides, in the editor's judgment, "*The Friendly Admirer*" implies that the author was an eminent rival of Shakespere's who bore him no envy.

A few notes on the text of this poem may be helpful. (It should be remarked that the punctuation of the original print, though somewhat defective, is followed.) The first nineteen couplets consist of six substantive clauses (neither governed by nor governing any verb), terminated by full points, or signs of aposiopesis. These serve to convey the finest possible description of the dramatic function.

Line 20. Read :

" Make Kings his subjects by exchanging verse : "

i. e., by verse which effects the exchange. Lines 40, 41, are echoed by Digges :

" Some second *Shakespeare* must of *Shakespeare* write."

Line 43. Though "the ninefold train" is mentioned, only eight Muses seem to be specified : unless, indeed, "the melodious *pair*" be intended to designate Euterpe, Erato and Terpsichore. A pack of cards used to be called "a *pair* of cards" ; and we still say "a *pair* of stairs" : *pair* being a *set of matched things*.

Line 63. "Purléd" : not *pursled* (*i. e.*, *embroidered*, as Boaden understood by it), but *rippled* ; the poet could not say of a picture *purling*. But *purléd* seems to have had also the sense of *embroidered*.

Line 64. "Living drawne"—*i. e.*, drawn as if they were substantial things.

It may be safely asserted that no English encomiastic poem has ever come near this for graceful melodious verse and mastery of language. It is, besides, so free and unstudied, that one might well believe it was written "without blot."

WILLIAM PRYNNE, 1632.

* Ben Johnsons,
Shackspeers, and
others.

† Shackspeers
Plates are
printed in
the best
Crown
paper, far
better than
most Bibles.

‡ Above forty
thousand
Play-booke
have been
printed and
vested within
these two yeares.

* Some Play-booke since I first undertooke this subject, are growne from *Quarto* into *Folio*; which yet beare so good a price and sale, that I cannot but with griefe relate it, they are now† new-printed in farre better paper than most *Octavo* or *Quarto Bibles*, which hardly finde such vent as they: And can then one *Quarto* Tractate against Stage-playes be thought too large, when as it must assault such ample Play-houise *Volumes*? Besides, our *Quarto*-Play-booke since the first sheetes of this my Treatise came unto the Presse, have come forth in such‡ abundance, and found so many customers, that they almost exceede all number, one studie being scarce able to holde them, and two yeares time too little to peruse them all.

Histrio-Mastix. The Players Scourge or Actors Tragedie. 1633. [4to.] (Address "To the Christian Reader." fo. 1, back.)

[In 1648-9 was printed *Mr. William Prynne, his defence of Stage plays, or a Retraction of a former Book of his called Histrio-Mastix*, which he indignantly declared to be "a meere forgery and imposture," and, notwithstanding the sufferings he had undergone for the book, declared his adhesion to *Histrio-Mastix*, in a broad-side sheet, dated 10 Jan. 1648, headed: *The Vindication of William Prynne Esquire, From some Scandalous Papers and Imputations newly Printed and Published, &c.* (Brit. Museum, Press-mark 669 f. 13/67.). The "forgery" bears testimony to the custom in acting women's parts, — "men or boyes do wear the apparel of women, being expressly forbidden in the Text. To this I answer, first, that if this be all, it is a fault may be easily amended; and we may do in England, as they do in *France, Italy, Spain*, and other places, where those which play womens parts, are women indeed." (p. 7.) L. T. S.]

SIR ASTON COKAINE, 1632.

Thou more then Poet, our *Mercurie* (that art
Apollo's Messenger, and do'ft impart
 His best expressions to our eares) live long
 To purifie the slighted English tongue,
 That both the *Nymphes of Tagus*, and of *Poe*,
 May not henceforth despise our language so.
 Nor could they doe it, if they ere had seene
 The matchlesse features of the faerie Queene ;
 Read *Johnson*, *Shakespeare*, *Beaumont*, *Fletcher*, or
 Thy neat-limnd peeces, skilfull *Maffinger*.

*Commendatory Verses prefixed to Massinger's Emperour of
 the East. 1632. [4to.]*

* WILLIAM ROWLEY, 1633.

Alexander. Good fir, be satisfied, the Widdow and my fister
fung both one song, and what was't, but *Crabbed age and youth*
cannot live together.

A Match at Midnight. Act v. sc. 1. 1633. [4to.]
Sign. I 2, back.

[This is the first line of the twelfth song in the *Passionate Pilgrim* (*Globe* edition of Works), which is one of those in that collection perhaps written by Shakespere. The song is included in Percy's *Reliques*, Gilfillan's edition, 1858, vol. i., Book ii. 16.

The star * is appended to this extract, not because there is any doubt about the allusion by Rowley, but because it is not only now doubtful whether Shakespere wrote the song, but after Heywood's printed protest (see before, p. 99) it may not have been generally attributed to Shakespere in 1633, though published under his name. L. T. S.]

JOHN HALES, OF ETON. Before 1633.

In a Conversation between Sir *John Suckling*, Sir William *D'Avenant*, *Endymion Porter*, Mr. *Hales of Eaton*, and *Ben Johnson*, Sir *John Suckling*, who was a profess'd admirer of *Shakespeare*, had undertaken his Defence against *Ben Johnson* with some warmth; Mr. *Hales*, who had sat still for some time, hearing *Ben* frequently reproaching him with the want of Learning, and Ignorance of the Antients, told him at last, "That if Mr. *Shakespeare* had not read the Antients, he had likewise not stolen any thing from 'em; [a fault the other made no Conscience of] and that if he would produce any one Topick finely treated by any of them, he would undertake to shew something upon the same Subject at least as well written by *Shakespeare*."

Some Account of the Life of Mr. William Shakespeare, prefixed to the edition of his Works by Nicholas Rowe. 1709. Vol. I, p. xiv.

[Rowe gives no authority for this anecdote, but we find another version of it given as from the mouth of Dryden by Charles Gildon in an essay addressed to Dryden in 1694.

"To give the World some Satisfaction, that *Shakespeare* has had as great a Veneration paid his Excellence by men of unquestion'd parts, as this I now express for him, I shall give some Account of what I have heard from your Mouth, Sir, about the noble Triumph he gain'd over all the Ancients by the Judgment of the ablest Critics of that time.

"The Matter of Fact (if my Memory fail me not) was this, Mr. *Hales*, of *Eaton*, affirm'd that he wou'd shew all the Poets of Antiquity, outdone by *Shakespeare*, in all the Topics, and common places made use of in Poetry.

The Enemies of *Shakespear* would by no means yield him so much Excellence: so that it came to a Resolution of a trial of skill upon that Subject; the place agreed on for the Dispute, was Mr. *Hales's* Chamber at *Eaton*; a great many Books were sent down by the Enemies of this Poet, and on the appointed day, my Lord *Falkland*, Sir *John Suckling*, and all the Persons of Quality that had Wit and Learning, and interested themselves in the Quarrel, met there, and upon a thorough Disquisition of the point, the Judges chose by agreement out of this Learned and Ingenious Assembly, unanimously gave the Preference to *Shakespear*. And the Greek & Roman Poets were adjudg'd to Vail at least their Glory in that to the English Hero. I could wish, Sir, you would give the Public a juster Account of this Affair, in Vindication of that Poet I know you extremely esteem, and whom none but you excels." (Some Reflections on Mr. Rymer's 'Short View of Tragedy' and an Attempt at a Vindication of Shakespear. *Miscellaneous Letters and Essays*, 1694, pp. 85, 86.)

The anecdote seems to have had some foundation in truth, for Dryden himself reports Hales's saying, "That there was no subject of which any poet ever writ but he would produce it much better done in Shakespear." (*Essay of Dramatic Poesie*, 1668, Scott's ed. of Dryden, 1821, Vol. 15, p. 351.) And Nahum Tate, in the Dedication to his *Loyal General*, 1680, addressed to Edw. Tayler, says, "I cannot forget the strong desire I have heard you express to see the Common Places of our *Shakespear* compar'd with the most famous of the Ancients. * * Our Learned *Hales* was wont to assert 'That since the time of *Orpheus* and the Oldest Poets, no Common Place has been touch'd upon, where our Authour has not perform'd as well.'" P. Des Maizeaux, who collects three of these versions together, in his *Life of the Ever-memorable Mr. John Hales*, 1719 (p. 61, note), adds: "But neither of them [Dryden nor Tate] take notice of the conversation above mention'd, nor do they tell us how that saying came to their knowledge." If the conversation or "disquisition" did take place, as seems highly probable, it must have been before 1633, the year in which Falkland died; all the other partakers in it survived him. Hales was born in 1584, he died in 1656. L. T. S.]

WILLIAM HABINGTON, 1634.

*To a Friend,**Inviting him to a meeting upon promise.*

May you drinke beare, or that adult'rate wine
 Which makes the zeale of *Amsterdam* divine;
 If you make breach of promise. I have now
 So rich a sacke, that even your felfe will bow
 T' adore my *Genius*. Of this wine should *Prynne*
 Drinke but a plenteous glaiffe, he would beginne
 A health to *Shakespeare's* ghost.

Castara. 1634. *The Second Part*. [4to.] 8th Poem, p. 52.

Habington refers to William Prynne, the author of the *Histrio-Mastix* of 1633, from which we have given an extract. He supposes Prynne, under the genial stimulus of his rich sack, to put off the Puritan, and to toast the prince of playwrights. This Prynne is probably the second saint described in *Hudibras*, Part III. C. ii. ll. 421-4 & ll. 1065-6.

There was a former *Histrio-Mastix*, published in 1610, which is said to contain an allusion to Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida*, I. iii. l. 73: but there is evidence to prove that it had, by some years, precedence of Shakespeare's play. Some critics have seen in the expression "mastick jaws" an allusion by Shakespeare to the *Histrio-Mastix* of 1610: others an allusion to Decker's *Satyro-Mastix*. Such fancies are wholly without foundation. The word "mastick" in *Troilus and Cressida* means either slimy, or gnashing, in either case conveying a singularly forcible and offensive image of Thersites' jaws. "Mastick" is either from the Greek *μαστιχη*, the gum of the lentisk tree, or from the Latin *mastico*, the equivalent of the Greek *μαστιχάω*, from *μάσραξ*, the jaws: certainly not from *mastix*, which means a whip or scourge.

[See on this subject Mr. R. Simpson's arguments in his *School of Shakspeare*, 1878, Vol. I. p. 9.]

SIR JOHN SUCKLING, *about* 1636—1641.

*A Supplement of an imperfect Copy of Verses
of Mr. Wil. Shakespears.*

1

One of her hands, one of her cheeks lay under,
Cozening the pillow of a lawful kisse,
Which therefore swel'd and feem'd to part asunder,
As angry to be rob'd of such a blisse :
The one lookt pale, and for revenge did long,
Whilst t'other blush't, cause it had done the wrong.

2

Ont of the bed the other fair hand was
On a green fatten quilt, whose perfect white
Lookt like a Dazie in a field of grasse,
¹ And shew'd like unmelt snow unto the fight, ¹ Thus for
Shake-speare.
There lay this pretty perdue, safe to keep
The rest o th' body that lay fast asleep.

3

Her eyes (and therefore it was night) close laid,
Strove to imprison beauty till the morn,
But yet the doors were of such fine stuffe made,
That it broke through, and shew'd itself in scorn.
Throwing a kind of light about the place,
which turnd to smiles full as 't came near her face.

4

Her beams (which some dul men call'd hair) divided
 Part with her cheeks, part with her lips did sport,
 But these, as rude, her breath put by still; some
 Wifelyer downwards fought, but falling short,
 Curl'd back in rings, and seem'd to turn agen
 To bite the part so unkindly held them in.

*Fragments Aurea. A Collection of all the Incomparable
 Peeces, written by Sir John Suckling. And published
 by a Friend to perpetuate his memory. Printed by his
 rone Copies. 1646. p. 29-30. [8vv.]*

The first nine lines are from the *Rape of Lucrece*, ll. 386—396.

Suckling would appear to have employed a version of Shakespeare's poem which materially differs from that known to us. Each stanza of *The Rape of Lucrece*, in all the old copies, has seven lines: the complete one given by Suckling has but six. But it is more likely that he curtailed and otherwise altered Shakespeare's lines. The relative stanzas run thus in *England's Parnassus*, 1600, p. 396: as they do in the Quarto of *Lucrece*, 1594,—except that the latter has "cheeke lies" in the first line, and slight differences of spelling and punctuation.

"Her Lilly hand her rosie cheekes lie under,
 Coosning the pillow of a lawful kisse,
 Who therefore angry, seemes to part in sunder,
 Šwelling on eyther side to want his blisse,
 Betweene whose hills her head entombed is;
 Where, like a vertuous monument she lyes,
 To be admirde of lewd unhallowed eyes.

Without the bed her other fayre hand was
 On the greene Coverlet, whose perfect white
 Shewd like an Aprill daisie on the grasse,
 with pearlie sweat, resembling dew of night."

It is almost impossible to date many of Suckling's pieces. He died on 7 May, 1641, having lived but thirty-two years.

[It may be doubted whether Suckling "curtailed and otherwise altered Shakespeare's lines." The verses are entitled, "*A Supplement of an Imperfect Copy of Verses of Mr. Wil Shakespeares*," and at the commencement

of the tenth line is an asterisk with the note, "Thus far Shake-spear." Not only too are the stanzas in a different form from those of our present *Lucrece*—six lines instead of seven—but lines 5 and 6 of the first stanza differ from lines 5-7 of the present version, not merely in wording but wholly in thought. Neither if the verses were originally in seven-line stanzas would they be imperfect, being merely a different version of lines long before completed in *Lucrece* (*Lucrece* published 1594, Suckling 1636-41). It is more probable, as appears to me, that Shakespere at first thought of composing his *Lucrece* in the stanza of *Venus and Adonis*, and for a trial commenced not at the beginning but at the central point of importance and interest, namely, at Tarquin's view of *Lucrece* after forcing her door, but that he, for some unknown reason, after writing about a stanza and a half, threw it aside and took to the seven-line stanza. B. N.]

SIR JOHN SUCKLING, *about* 1636—1641.

The sweat of learned *Johnson's* brain,
And gentle *Shakespeare's* eaf'er strain,
A hackney-coach conveys you to,
In spite of all that rain can do :
And for your eighteen pence you fit
The Lord and Judge of all fresh wit.

Fragments Aurea : &c. 1646. p. 35. [8vo.]

[This is part of a letter in verse addressed to Mr. John Hales of Eton, "Sir John invites him to come to Town, and enjoy the company of his friends." (*Life of Mr. John Hales*, by P. Des Maizeaux, 1719, p. 58.)
L. T. S.]

SIR JOHN SUCKLING, *about* 1636—1641.

I must confesse it is a juſt ſubject for our ſorrow, to hear of any that does quit his ſtation without his leave that placed him there; and yet as ill a Mine as this Act has, 'twas *a-la-Romanſci*, as you may ſee by a Line of Mr. *Shakeſpears*, who bringing in *Titinius* after a loſt battel, ſpeaking to his ſword, and bidding it find out his heart, adds

By your leave, Gods, this [is] a Romanes Part.

Fragmenta Aurea: Letters, 1646. p. 61.

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We are at length arriv'd at that River, about the uneven running of which, my Friend Mr. *William Shakeſpear* makes *Henry Hotſpur* quarrel ſo highly with his fellow Rebels; and for his Sake I have been ſomething curious to conſider the Scantlet of Ground that angry Monſieur wou'd have had in, but can not find it cou'd deſerve his Cholera, nor any of the other Side ours, did not the King think it did.

Letters; printed in Works. Dublin, 1766. p. 142.

[Both the above paſſages occur in Suckling's *Letters*, a part only of which were printed in the *Fragmenta Aurea* of 1646; the letter containing the ſecond extract is among the additions made to them in 1766.

The line quoted by Suckling occurs in *Julius Ceſar*, Act V, Sc. iii, l. 89. Hotſpur's objection to the winding of the Trent comes in *Henry IV*, Act III, Sc. i:—

“ See how this river comes me cranking in
And cuts me from the beſt of all my land
A huge half-moon, a monſtrous cantle out,” &c., &c.

L. T. S.]

SIR JOHN SUCKLING, *about* 1636—1641.

Wit in a Prologue, Poets justly may
 Stile a new imposition on a Play.
 When *Shakespeare, Beaumont, Fletcher*, rul'd the Stage,
 There scarce were ten good pallats in the age,
 More curious Cooks then guests ; for men would eat
 Most hartily of any kind of meat ;
 And then what strange variety each Play,
 A Feast for Epicures, and that each day.
 But marke how odly it is come about,
 And how unluckily it now fals out :
 The pallats are growne higher,¹ number increaf'd,
 And there wants that which should make up the Feast ;
 And yet y'are so unconscionable. You'd have
 Forfooth of late, that which they never gave,
 Banquets before ; and after.

(Prologue to *The Goblins*.)

Th[ief] I. We have had such sport ;
 Yonder's the rarest Poet without,
 Has made all his confession in blanke verse ;
 Nor left a God, nor a Goddesse in Heaven,
 But fetch't them all downe for witnessses ;
 Has made such a description of Stix,
 And the Ferry,
 And verily thinks has past them.
 Enquires for the blest shades

¹ growne, higher *in original*

And askes much after certaine Brittish blades,
One *Shakespeare* and *Fletcher* :
And grew so peremptory at last,
He would be carried, where they were. (p. 35.)

*The Goblins. A Comedy. Printed with
Fragmenta Aurea. 1646.*

[*The Goblins* contains one or two other allusions (see *Fragmenta*, pp. 26, 45), but enough is given from Suckling's works to show the close acquaintance he had with "my friend Mr. William Shakespear." Dryden considers (Preface to *The Tempest, or the Enchanted Island*, 1676) that Sir John Suckling, "a profess'd admirer of our author" (Shakespere), has follow'd his footsteps in the *Goblins*; that his *Reginella* is an open imitation of Shakespear's *Miranda*; and that his spirits, though counterfeit, are copied from *Ariel*. But, though Warburton echoes this idea, the student must judge for himself how feeble an imitator Suckling was. L. T. S.]

JASPER MAYNE, 1637.

Else, (though wee all conspir'd to make thy *Herse*
 Our *Workes*) so that 't had beene but one great *Verse*,
 Though the *Priest* had tranlated for that time
 The *Liturgie*, and buried thee in *Rime*,
 So that in *Meeter* wee had heard it said,
Poetique dust is to *Poetique* laid :
 And though that *dust* being *Shakspears*, thou might'ft have
 Not his *roome*, but the *Poet* for thy *grave* ;
 So that, as thou didst *Prince of Numbers* dye
 And live, so now thou mightst in *Numbers* lie,
 'Twere fraile *solemnitie* ; *Verses* on *Thee*
 And not like *thine*, would but kind *Libels* be ;

* * * * *

Who without *Latine helps* had'ft beene as *rare*
 As *Beaumont*, *Fletcher*, or as *Shakespeare* were :
 And like *them*, from thy *native Stock* could'ft say,
Poets and *Kings* are not *borne* every day.

*Jonsonus Virbius : or, The Memorie of Ben. Johnson revived by
 the Friends of the Muses. 1638. pp. 29, 33. [4to.]*

[There are two copies of this little book in the British Museum, professing to be of the same impression and apparently agreeing in all particulars, save that in only one of them is the signature I. Mayne found to the verses whence the above extract is taken. The book was entered on the Stationers' Register, 3 Feb. 1637. L. T. S.]

It is the author of this finger-counting doggrel who is credited by some with the splendid elegy on Shakespeare, which we have given on pages 120-3. We had some compunction in reproducing Mayne's trashy verses at all : and the italics in these extracts from Jonsonus Virbius could have had no possible meaning : it was a fantastical trick of the time. See, for instances, Sir Roger L'Estrange's lines prefixed to Beaumont and Fletcher's *Works*, 1647 : those of Alexander Brome on Richard Brome, in the *Five New Plays*, 1653 : and the first edition, 1682, of Dryden's *Religio Laici*.

OWEN FELTHAM, 1637.

So in our *Halcyon* dayes, we have had now
Wits, to which, all that after come, must bow.
 And should the Stage compose her selfe a Crowne
 Of all those *wits*, which hitherto sh'as knowne:
 Though there be many that about her brow
 Like sparkling stones, might a quick lustre throw:
 Yet *Shakespeare, Beaumont, Johnson*, these three shall
 Make up the Jem in the point Verticall.
 And now since *JOHNSONS* gone, we well may say,
 The Stage hath seene her glory and decay.

Jonsonus Virbius. 1638. pp. 42, 43. [4to.]

RICHARD WEST, 1637.

Shakespeare may make *griefe* merry, *Beaumonts* stile
 Ravish and melt anger into a smile;
 In winter *nights*, or after *meales* they be,
 I must confesse very good companie:
 But *thou* exact'st our best houres industrie; [Jonson]
 Wee may read *them*; we ought to studie *thee*.

Jonsonus Virbius. 1638. p. 56. [4to.]

West was probably thinking of *A Winter's Tale*: "A sad tale's best for winter," ii. 1, and "Upon a barren mountain, and still winter," iii. 2.

H. RAMSAY, 1637.

What are his fauls (O Envy !) that you speake [Jonson's faults]
 English at Court, the learned Stage acts Greeke .
 That Latine Hee reduc'd, and could command
 That which your *Shakespeare* scarce could understand ?

Jonsonus Virbius. 1638. p. 60. [4*v*]

“Faul,” for *fault*, occurs in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, i. 1,—“the faul is in the ’ort dissolutely.” [Dyce’s *Shakspeare*, 1866, Vol. I, p. 351. The Cambridge edition and the folio of 1623 have “fall.”] In the mention of Jonson’s command of Latin, Ramsay is probably thinking of his reflection on Shakespeare’s “small Latin and less Greek.”

SIR WILLIAM D'AVENANT, 1637.

In Remembrance of
Master *William Shakespeare*.

ODE.

1.

Beware (delighted Poets!) when you sing
To welcome Nature in the early Spring;
Your num'rous Feet not tread
The Banks of Avon; for each Flowre
(As it nere knew a Sunne or Showre)
Hangs there, the penfive head.

2.

Each Tree, whose thick, and spreading growth hath made.
Rather a Night beneath the Boughs, than Shade,
(Unwilling now to grow)
Lookes like the Plume a Captive weares,
Whose rifled *Falls* are steept i' th teares
Which from his last rage flow.

3.

The piteous River wept it selfe away
Long since (Alas!) to such a swift decay;
That reach the Map; and looke
If you a River there can spie;
And for a River your mock'd Eie,
Will finde a shallow Brooke.

Madagascar, with other Poems. 1638. p. 37. [12mo.]
(*Imprimatur* Feb. 26, 1637.)

In the last line of the first verse, D'Avenant seems to be recalling a line in Milton's *Lycidas* :

“ And cowslips wan that hang the pensive head.”

The third verse is sufficient to prove that D'Avenant had an ear.

The late Mr. George Jabet (Eden Warwick) believed that here 'delighted' meant 'deprived of light,' and employed this instance to enforce his interpretation of 'the delighted Spirit,' in *Measure for Measure*. Dr. Brinsley Nicholson takes the same view of the latter (see *N. & Q.*, 3rd S., I., Ap. 5, 1862, & 5th S., X., 1878, pp. 83, 182, 303). But though, doubtless, 'delighted' means the same in these two passages, it is, in Davenant, very plainly opposed to 'pensive.' He is checking the poets in their delight, and bidding them shun the banks of Avon as being a region of sorrow which even dimmed

“ The radiant looks of unbewailing flowers.”

In connection with Davenant we must not omit to notice the tradition of a letter written by the King to Shakespeare.

In the Advertisement to Lintott's edition of Shakespeare's *Poems*, 1709 [8vo.], we read :

“ That most learn'd Prince, and great Patron of Learning, King *James* the First, was pleas'd with his own Hand to write an amicable letter to Mr. *Shakespeare*; which Letter, tho now lost, remain'd long in the Hands of Sir William D'Avenant, as a credible Person now living can testify.”

T. TERRENT, 1637.

Haud aliter nostri præmissa in principis ortum
 Ludicra *Chauceri*, classisq; incompta sequentum;
 Nascenti apta parum divina hæc machina regno,
 In nostrum servanda fuit tantæq; decebat
 Prælufisse Deos ævi certamina famæ;
 Nec geminos vates, nec Te *Shakspeare* filebo,
 Aut quicquid sacri nostros conjecit in annos
 Consilium Fati.

Jonsonus Virbius. 1638. p. 64. [4to.]

[Terrent was educated at Christ Church Oxford, where he took the degree of Master of Arts, and was tutor of the College, according to Gilchrist (see Cunningham's edition of *Gifford's Works of Jonson.* 1872. Vol. iii. p. 521). L. T. S.]

This obscure but excellent poet writes that

"the tales of Chaucer heralded the rise of our Chief (Jonson), as did also the unpolished band (of poets) who succeeded him. This god-like device (the Jonsonian comedy), but little suited to (the taste of) an early age, was to be reserved for ours; and it was fitting that the gods should rehearse the contests of that age, as a preparation for so great a genius; nor will I pass over in silence the twin-bards (Beaumont and Fletcher) nor Thee *Shakspeare*, or whatever (other) sacred (name) the plan of Fate has cast upon our times."

It was in Comedy that Jonson professed to have introduced new laws, that is, he brought back the rigid use of the old classic laws of unity in time and place. He compliments Richard Brome, in verses prefixed to *The Northern Lass*, 1632, on the applause he had gained

"By observation of those Comick Lawes
 Which I, your Master, first did teach the Age."

Some years later Sir John Suckling (*Sessions of the Poets, Fragmenta Auræ*, 1646, p. 7) represents Ben asserting that

"he had purg'd the stage
 Of errors that had lasted many an age."

ABRAHAM WRIGHT, about 1637 (or earlier).*Othello* by Shakspeare.

A very good play, both for lines and plot, but especially the plot. Jago for a rogue, and Othello for a jealous husband, two parts well penned. Act 3, the scene between Jago and Othello, and the first scene of the fourth act, between the same, shew admirably the villanous humour of Jago when he persuades Othello to his jealousy.

Manuscript Common-place book of Abraham Wright, Vicar of Okeham, in Rutlandshire. Quoted in Historical Papers, Part I, edited for the Roxburghe Club by Bliss and Bandinel. 1846. Introduction, p. vi.

Anonymous. About 1637.

*An Elegie on the death of that famous Writer
and Actor, M. William Shakspeare.*

I dare not doe thy Memory that wrong,
Unto our larger griefes to give a tongue ;
He onely figh in earnest, and let fall
My solemne teares at thy great Funerall ;
For every eye that raines a showre for thee,
Laments thy losse in a sad Elegie.
Nor is it fit each humble Muse should have,
Thy worth his subject, now th' art laid in grave ;
No its a flight beyond the pitch of those,
Whose worthles Pamphlets are not sence in Prose.
Let learned *Johnson* sing a Dirge for thee,
And fill our Orbe with mournfull harmony :
But we neede no Remembrancer, thy Fame
Shall still accompany thy honoured Name,
To all posterity ; and make us be,
Sensible of what we lost in losing thee :
Being the Ages wonder whose smooth Rhimes,
Did more reforme than lash the looser Times.
Nature her selfe did her owne selfe admire,
As oft as thou wert pleased to attire
Her in her native lusture, and confesse,
Thy dressing was her chiefeft comlineffe.
How can we then forget thee, when the age
Her chiefeft Tutor, and the widdowed Stage

Her onely favorite in thee hath loft,
 And Natures selfe what she did bragge of most.
 Sleepe then rich foule of numbers, whilst poore we,
 Enjoy the profits of thy Legacie ;
 And thinke it happineffe enough we have,
 So much of thee redeemed from the grave,
 As may suffice to enlighten future times,
 With the bright lustre of thy matchlesse Rhimes.

*Appended to Shakespear's Poems. 1640.
 Sign. L. [12mo.]*

This is a creditable copy of verses, reminding one of Ben Jonson. The line

"Let learned *Johnson* sing a Dirge for thee,"

proved that they were written in Jonson's lifetime : and he died 1637. The best lines in it, "Nature herself," &c., closely resemble a couplet in Ben's elegy :

"Nature herself was proud of his designs,
 And joy'd to weare the dressing of his lines."

JAMES MERVYN, 1638.

There are some men doe hold, there is a place
 Cal'd *Limbus Patrum*, if such have the grace
 To wave that Schifme, and Poëtarum said [*vice Patrum*]
 They of that faith had me a member made,
 That *Limbus* I could have beleev'd thy braine
 Where *Beamont*, *Fletcher*, *Shakespeare*, & a traine
 Of glorious Poets in their active heate
 Move in that Orbe, as in their former seate.
 When thou began't to give thy Master life,
 Me thought I saw them all, with friendly strife
 Each casting in his dofe, *Beamont* his weight,
Shakespeare his mirth, and *Fletcher* his conceit,
 With many more ingredients, with thy skill
 So sweetely tempered, that the envious quill
 And tongue of Criticks must both write and say,
 They never yet beheld a smoother Play.

*Lines prefixed to The Royall Master, a play by
 James Shirley. 1638. Sign. B 2. [4to.]*

WILLIAM CHILLINGWORTH, 1638.

So that as a foolish fellow who gave a Knight the Lye, desiring withall leave of him to fet his Knighthood aside, was answered by him, that he would not suffer any thing to be fet aside that belonged unto him: So might we justly take it amisse, that conceiving as you doe ignorance and repentance such necessary things for us, you are not more willing to confider us with them, then without them.

The Religion of Protestants a Safe Way to Salvation, &c.
Chap. 1. Part 1. § 5. p. 33. 1638. [Fo.]

Chillingworth refers to 2 *Henry IV*, i, 2, where the Chief Justice's attendant says,

"I pray you Sir, then set your knighthood and your soldiership aside; and give me leave to tell you, you lie in your throat," &c., to which Falstaff replies, "I give thee leave to tell me so! I lay aside that which grows to me!" &c.

. T[HOMAS] R[ANDOLPH ?] 1638.

*Corn. Venerem etiam & Adonidem, petulantem fatis Librum
In finu portat, eoque multò peritior evafit
Quàm probæ neceffe est : fed ifta parum movent,
Eduxi, nec vanâ lactavi fpe, ut fpero.
Eludere difcat, aut pereat.*

Cornelianum Dolium, 1638. [12mo.] Act I, sc. v, p. 22.

[Douce has ingeniously conjectured that T. R. is Thomas Randolph, and the initials and the words on the title-page "*Auctore, T. R. ingeniosissimo hujus ævi HELICONIO.*" support his conjecture. But there are some things against it. Cornelius is here speaking of one of his illegitimate daughters, of whose tendencies and tastes he does not give a very favourable account. B. N.]

[Cornelius here says,

"She carries in her bosom too a rather wanton book (called) *Venus and Adonis*, and through it has become much more knowing than is meet for an honest girl! But these things move me little; I have brought her up, and not deluded her, I hope, with vain expectations. Let her learn to behave better, or perish."

This is a particular instance of what John Johnson, *Academy of Love*, 1641 (see after, p. 238), says was the general practice. C. M. I.]

[Mr. Roberts points out another reference to the habit in *The English Gentleman*, by Richard Brathwait, 1630 (4to, p. 28):—

"But alas; to what height of licentious libertie are these corrupte times growne? When that *Sex*, where Modesty should claime a native prerogative, gives way to foment of exposed loosenesse; by not only attending to the wanton discourse of immodest Lovers, but carrying about them (even in their naked Bosomes, where chastest desires should only lodge) the amorous toys of *Venus* and *Adonis*: which Poem, with others of like nature, they heare with such attention, peruse with such devotion, and retaine with such delectation, as no subject can equally relish their unseasoned palate, like those lighter discourses." L. T. S.]

RICHARD BROME, 1638.

These lads can act the Emperors lives all over,
And Shakespeares Chronicled histories, to boot,
And were that *Cæsar*, or that English Earle
That lov'd a Play and Player so well now living,
I would not be out-vyed in my delights.

Antipodes. 1640. Sign. C 2. [4to.]
(“Acted in the year 1638.”)

R[OBERT] C[HAMBERLAIN], 1639.

One asked another what Shakespeares works were worth, all being bound together. He answered, not a farthing. Not worth a farthing! said he; why so? He answered that his plays were worth a great deale of mony, but he never heard, that his works were worth any thing at all.

Conceits, Clinches, Flashes, and Whimsies. Newly studied, with some Collections, but those never published before in this kinde. 1639. [Reprinted by J. O. Halliwell, 1860, p. 30; also in Hazlitt's Shakespeare Fest-Books; Third volume, last article 1864. p. 49.]

[Since Mr. Hazlitt reprinted the "Conceits," he has found that there was a second edition printed under the title of "Jocabella, or a Cabinet of Conceits, whereunto are added Epigrams and other Poems" in 1640, and has accordingly placed the two books together under the name of Robert Chamberlaine in his "Hand-book," 1867.

The "conceit" recalls that which Sir John Suckling puts into the mouth of "good old Ben" Jonson (see note, after, p. 233). L. T. S.]

THOMAS BANCROFT, 1639.

To *Shakespeare*.

Thy Muses sugred dainties seeme to us
 Like the fam'd Apples of old *Tantalus* :
 For we (admiring) see and heare thy straines,
 But none I see or heare, those sweets attaines.

To *the same*.

Thou hast so us'd thy *Pen*, (or *shocke thy Speare*)
 That Poets startle, nor thy wit come neare.

Two Bookes of Epigrammes, and Epitaphs.
 1639. [4to.] Nos. 118 and 119.

Anonymous, 1639.

To Mr. William Shake-spear.

*Shake-speare, we must be filent in thy praise,
'Cause our encomion's will but blast thy Bayes,
Which envy could not, that thou didst so well ;
Let thine own histories prove thy Chronicle.*

*Wills Recreations Selected from the finest Fancies
of Moderne Muses. With A Thousand out-
Landish Proverbs. Epigram 25. 1640.
(Imprimatur, 1639.)*

JOHN BENSON, 1640.

To the Reader.

I here presume (under favour) to present to your view, some excellent and sweetly composed Poems, of Master *William Shakespeare*, Which in themselves appeare of the same purity, the Authour himselfe then living avouched; they had not the fortune by reason of their Infancie in his death, to have the due accommodatiō of proportionable glory, with the rest of his ever-living Workes, yet the lines of themselves will afford you a more authentick approbation than my assurance any way can, to invite your allowance, in your perusal you shall finde them *Seren*, cleere and eligantly plaine, such gentle straines as shall recreate and not perplexe your braine, no intricate or cloudy stuffe to puzzell intellectu, but perfect eloquence; such as will raise your admiration to his praise: this assurance I know will not differ from your acknowledgement. And certaine I am, my opinion will be seconded by the sufficiency of these ensuing Lines; I have bene some what sollicitus to bring this forth to the perfect view of all men; and in so doing, glad to be serviceable for the continuance of glory to the deserved Author in these his Poems.

The Publisher's address, prefixed to Shakespeare's Poems. 1640. [12mo.]

LEWIS SHARPE, 1640.

Pupillus. Oh for the book of *Venus* and *Adonis*, to court my
Miftris by.

The Noble Stranger. 1640. G 4.

[Pupillus makes this exclamation after having swallowed one of Mercutio's paper pills, containing "a wanton lovers rapture." In this amusing scene Mercutio undertakes to furnish Pupillus "with as much wit as shall serve for a Country Justice, or an Alderman's heire," by means of "certaine Collections out of learned and witty Authors, for all humours in an accomplished wit. Now sir, you must eate every one of hem one by one." Surely Lewis Sharpe fore-saw the "cramming" of modern days! L. T. S.]

LEONARD DIGGES, 1640.

*Upon Master WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, the
Deceased Authour, and his POEMS.*

Poets are borne not made, when I would prove
This truth, the glad remembrance I must love
Of never dying *Shakespeare*, who alone,
Is argument enough to make that one.
First, that he was a Poet none would doubt,
That heard th' applause of what he sees fet out
Imprinted; where thou hast (I will not say¹
Reader his Workes for to contrive a Play:
To him twas none) the patterne of all wit,
Art without Art unparaleld as yet.
Next Nature onely helpt him, for looke thorow
This whole Booke, thou shalt find he doth not borrow,
One phraze from Greekes, nor Latines imitate,
Nor once from vulgar Languages Tranflate,
Nor Plagiari-like from others gleane,
Nor begges he from each witty friend a Scene
To peece his A&ts with, all that he doth write,
Is pure his owne, plot, language exquisite,
But oh! what praise more powerfull can we give
The dead, then that by him the Kings men live,
His Players, which should they but have shar'd the Fate,
All else expir'd within the short Termes date;

¹ say) in the original, but it is a misprint.

How could the Globe have prospered, since through want
 Of change, the Plaies and Poems had growne scant.
 But happy Verſe thou ſhalt be ſung and heard,
 When hungry quills ſhall be ſuch honour bard. ^[bear'd]
 Then vaniſh upſtart Writers to each Stage,
 You needy Poetaſters of this Age,
 Where *Shakeſpeare* liv'd or ſpake, Vermine forbear,
 Leaſt with your froth you ſpot them, come not neere ;
 But if you needs muſt write, if poverty
 So pinch, that otherwiſe you ſtarve and die
 On Gods name may the Bull or Cockpit have
 Your lame blancke Verſe, to keepe you from the grave :
 Or let new Fortunes younger brethren ſee,
 What they can picke from your leane induſtry.
 I doe not wonder when you offer at
 Blacke-Friers, that you ſuffer : tis the fate
 Of richer veines, prime judgements that have far'd
 The worſe, with this deceaſed man compar'd.
 So have I ſeene, when Ceſar would appeare,
 And on the Stage at halfe-ſword parley were,
Brutus and *Caffius* : oh how the Audience
 Were raviſh'd, with what wonder they went thence,
 When ſome new day they would not brooke a line,
 Of tedious (though well laboured) *Catiline*¹ ;
Sejanus too was irkeſome, they priz'de more
 Honeſt *Iago*, or the jealous Moore.
 And though the Fox and ſubtill Alchimiſt,
 Long intermitted could not quite be miſt,
 Though theſe have ſham'd all the Ancients, and might
 raife,
 Their Authours merit with a crowne of Bayes.
 Yet theſe ſometimes, even at a friends deſire
 Acted, have ſcarce defrai'd the Seacoale fire

¹ *Catalines in the original.*

And doore-keepers : when let but *Falstaffe* come,
Hall, Paines, the rest you scarce shall have a roome
 All is so pefter'd : let but *Beatrice*
 And *Benedicke* be seene, loe in a trice
 The Cockpit Galleries, Boxes, all are full
 To hear *Malvoglio*, that crosse garter'd Gull.
 Briefe, there is nothing in his wit fraught Booke,
 Whose sound we would not heare, on whose worth looke
 Like old coynd gold, whose lines in every page,
 Shall passe true currant to succeeding age.
 But why doe I dead *Shakespeare's* praise recite,
 Some second *Shakespeare* muft of *Shakespeare* write ;
 For me tis needlesse, since an host of men,
 Will pay to clap his praise, to free my Pen.

Prefixed to Shakespeare's Poems. 1640. [12mo.]

In his verses of 1623 (before, p. 154) Leonard Digges speaks twice of Shakespeare's *Works*. In the above lines he refuses that term to the plays, because it was to Shakespeare no work "to contrive a play." H. Fitzgeoffrey thus writes in his *Certaine Elegies*, 1618 (Book i, Sat. i. sign. A 8) :

"Bookes, made of Ballades : Workes, of Playes,"

and Sir John Suckling, in his *Sessions of the Poets (Fragmenta Aurea, 1646, p. 7)*, writes,

"The first that broke silence was good old *Ben*,
 Prepar'd before with Canary wine,
 And he told them plainly he deserv'd the Bays,
 For his were call'd Works, where others were but Plaies."

The fact is that Jonson had in 1616 issued his Plays under the title of *Workes*. Perhaps the joke at page 226, in the extract from *Conceits, Clinches, &c.*, had no reference to this ; the *works* there referred to seem to be Shakespeare's *good works* : still there is the same opposition to plays and books. In 1633 Wm. Sheares published John Marston's plays ; and prefixed an "Epistle Dedicatory," in which he asks, Why are "Plays in generall" "so vehemently inveighed against" ? "Is it because they are Playes ? The name it seemes somewhat offends them, whereas if they were stiled Workes, they might have their Approbation also." Whalley, in his *Life* prefixed to his edition of Jonson's Works, 1756 (p. xlv), records that some one addressed to him this Epigram,—

"Pray tell me, Ben, where does the myst'ry lurk?
What others call a Play, you call a work"?

to which the following answer was returned,—

"The author's friend thus for the author says;
Ben's plays are works, when others works are plays."

When Digges writes

"Vermine forbear,
Least with your froth you spot them, come not neere;
But if you needs must write, if poverty
So pinch, that otherwise you starve and die," &c.

he is specially referring to Ben Jonson's "apologetical dialogue" at the end of the *Podaster*, where Ben says of the Marston faction,

"If it gave 'em Meat,
Or got 'em Clothes, 'tis well" (*Works*, 1616, p. 351).

And there is also a remembrance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and in particular of the words

"Newts and blindworms do no wrong,
Come not near our fairy queen."

Digges' verses are curious and valuable, as a testimony to the supreme popularity of *Julius Caesar*, *Othello*, *Henry IV*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *Twelfth Night*. They also show that Ben Jonson had reason for viewing Shakespeare's success with jealousy. We know that his *New Inn* was a complete failure, as it deserved to be. We learn from Digges, that even *Catiline* and *Sejanus* were found tedious and irksome.

JOHN WARREN, 1640.

Of Mr. William Shakespeare.

What, lofty *Shakespeare*, art againe reviv'd?
 And *Virbius* like now show'ft thy selfe twife liv'd,
 Tis [Benfon's] love that thus to thee is showne,
 The labours his, the glory still thine owne.
 These learned Poems amongst thine after-birth,
 That makes thy name immortall on the earth,
 Will make the learned still admire to see,
 The Muses gifts so fully infus'd on thee.
 Let Carping *Momus* barke and bite his fill,
 And ignorant *Davus* flight thy learned skill:
 Yet those who know the worth of thy desert,
 And with true judgement can discern thy Art,
 Will be admirers of thy high tun'd straine,
 Amongst whose number let me still remaine.

Prefixed to Shakespeare's Poems. 1640. [12mo.]

And VIRBIUS like: Virbius is the name borne by Hippolytus, after his revival. See Virgil's *Aeneid*, lib. vii. Conington (1867, p. 251) thus renders the relative passage:

“But Trivia kind her favourite hides,
 And to Egeria's care confides,
 To live in woods obscure and lone,
 And lose in Virbius' name his own.”

There may be an allusion to the little volume called *Jonsonus Virbius* (*Jonson Revived*), a collection of verses in praise of Ben Jonson, published in the next year after his death, and two years before the publication of Warren's verses (see before, p. 212). The title, *Jonsonus Virbius*, was, according to Aubrey, given to this little work by Lord Falkland. Cf. the couplet,

“Whose Pious *Cemetery* shall still keep
 Thy *Virbius* waking, though thy *Ashes* sleep.”

which occurs in a copy of verses by Robert Gardiner prefixed to Cartwright's works, ed. 1651.

'Tis [Benfon's] love, &c. The publisher's name has been conjecturally added, to eke out the verse, and complete the sense.

JAMES SHIRLEY, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, 1640.

Does this look like a Term? I cannot tell,
 Our Poet thinks the whole Town is not well,
 Has took some Phyfick lately, and for fear
 Of catching cold dares not salute this Ayr.
 But ther's another reason, I hear say
London is gone to *York*, 'tis a great way;
 Pox o' the Proverb, and of him say I,
 That look'd ore *Lincoln*, cause that *was*, must we
 Be now translated North? I could rail to ^[too]
 On Gammar *Shiptons* Ghost, but 't wo' not doe,
 The Town will still be *flecking*, and a Play
 Though ne'r so new, will starve the second day:
 Upon these very hard conditions,
 Our Poet will not purchase many Towns;
 And if you leave us too, we cannot thrive,
 I'll promise neither Play nor Poet live
 Till ye come back, think what you do, you see
 What audience we have, what Company
 " *To Shakespear comes, whose mirth did once beguile*
 " *Dull hours, and buskind, made even sorrow smile,*
 " *So lovely were the wounds, that men would say*
 " *They could endure the bleeding a whole day:*
 He has but few friends lately, think o' that,
 Hee'l come no more, and others have his fate.
 " *Fletcher the Muses darling, and choice love*
 " *Of Phœbus, the delight of every Grove;*

" Upon whose head the Laurel grew, whose wit
 " Was the Times wonder, and example yet,
 'Tis within memory, Trees did not throng,
 As once the Story said to Orpheus song.
 " Johnson, t' whose name, wise Art did bow, and Wit
 " Is only justified by honouring it :
 " To hear whose touch, how would the learned Quire
 " With silence stoop ? and when he took his Lyre,
 " Apollo dropt his Lute, asham'd to see
 " A Rival to the God of Harmonie.
 You do forsake him too, we must deplore
 This fate, for we do know it by our door.
 How must this Author fear then, with his guilt
 Of weakness to thrive here, where late was spilt
 The *Muses* own blood, if being but a few,
 You not conspire, and meet more frequent too ?
 There are not now *nine Muses*, and you may
 Be kind to ours, if not, he bad me say,
 Though while you careless kill the rest, and laugh,
 Yet he may live to write your *Epitaph*.

The Sisters. 1652. [8vo.] *Prologue at the Black-Fryers*.

[It is suggested by Genest (*Account of English Stage*, iii, p. 143) that the words "London is gone to York" indicate a date when the King and Court were at York, in 1640, and that *The Sisters* was probably acted then, at Blackfriars. L. T. S.]

JOHN JOHNSON, 1641.

In speaking of this we entred Loves Library, which was very spacious, and compleatly filled with great variety of Bookes of all faculties, and in all kindes of Volumes.

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There was also *Shakespeare*, who (as *Cupid* informed me) creepes into the womens closets about bed time, and if it were not for some of the old out-of-date Grandames (who are set over the rest as their tutoreffes) the young sparkish Girles would read in *Shakespeare* day and night, so that they would open the Booke or Tome, and the men with a Fescue in their hands should point to the Verfe.

The Academy of Love, describing y^e folly of younge men & y^e fallacy of women. 1641, pp. 96, 99 (mis-paged, pages 97, 98 are left out). [4to.]

MARTINE PARKER, 1641.

All Poets (as adition to their fames)
 Have by their Works eternized their names,
 As Chaucer, Spencer, and that noble earle,
 Of Surrie thought it the most precious pearle,
 That dick'd his honour, to Subscribe to what
 His high engenuie ever aimed at [.]
Sydney and Shakspire, Drayton, Withers and
 Renowned *Jonson* glory of our Land :
Deker, Learn'd Chapman, Haywood al thought good,
 To have their names in publike underftood,
 And that sweet Seraph of our Nation, *Quarles*
 (In fpight of each planatick cur that snarles)
 Subscribes to his Celestiall harmony,
 While Angels chant his Dulcid melodie.
 And honest *John* from the water to the land
 Makes us all know and honour him by's hand ;

*The Poets blind mans Bough, or, Have among you
 my blind Harpers. 1641, sign. A 4. [4to.]*



SHAKESPEARE'S
CENTURIE OF PRAYSE.



THIRD PERIOD.

1642—1660.

CHARLES BUTLER, VICAR OF WOTTON, 1642.

Rhythmi genera partim syllabarum suarum numero, partim variâ sonorum resonantium dispositione distingui possunt: fed ea (4) optimorum poetarum observatio optime docebit.

(4) Quales sunt apud nos Homero, Maroni, Ovidio, cæterisque melioris notæ priscis æquiparandi, D. PHILIPPUS SIDNEY, EDMUNDUS SPENCER, SAMUEL DANIEL, MICHAEL DRAYTON, JOSUAH SYLVESTER, & quem cum honore memoro, Divinus ille Vates GEORGIUS WITHER, aliique ingenio & arte florentes, quorum hæc ætas uberrima est: atque inprimis horum omnium magister, unicum caligantis sui seculi lumen, D. GALFRIDUS CHAUCER.

(Edition, London, 1629, sign. E 3.)

(4) Quales sunt apud nos Homero, Maroni, Ovidio, cæterisque melioris notæ priscis æquiparandi, D. Philippus Sidney, Edmundus Spencer, Samuel Daniel, Michael Drayton, Josuah Sylvester, ingeniose pius Franciscus Quarles, & quem cum honore memoro, Divinus ille vates Georgius Wither, aliique ingenio & arte florentes, quorum hæc ætas uberrima est. Quibus accedat ex Poetis scenicis, Senecæ, Plauto, Terentio neutiquam inferior, tragicus comicus historicus Guilielmus Shakespeare: aliique singularis illius artificii æmulatores non pauci.

(Editions, London, 1642, p. 41; and Leyden, 1642, pp. 38, 39.)

Rhetorica Libri Duo. Quorum Prior de Tropis & Figuris, Posterior de Voce & Gestu præcipit: in usum scholarum postremo recogniti. Quibus recens accesserunt de oratoris Libri duo. Lib. I. cap. 13.

[Edmund Bolton (before, pp. 91, 92) cites Shakespeare for a model of English, as does Charles Butler for a model of rhythm. Butler says,—

“The kinds of rhythm may be distinguished, partly by the number of their syllables, partly by the different arrangement of the echoing sounds; but observation of the best poets * teaches these things best.

* Such among us, fit to be compared to Homer, Virgil, Ovid and others of the better ancient fame, are Sir Philip Sidney, Edmund Spencer, Samuel Daniel, Michael Drayton, Josuah Sylvester, the naturally serious Francis Quarles, and he whom I name with honour, that Divine poet George Wither, and others now eminent in genius and in skill of whom this age is most fruitful. To whom is added of the dramatic poets, in no whit inferior to Seneca, Plautus, Terence, the tragi-comic-historic William Shakespeare: and not a few others professing that special art.” L. T. S.]

* *Anonymous*, 1643.

[addressing the Parliament]

We will not dare at your strange Votes to Jear,
 Nor perfonate King *Pym* with his State-fleer .
 Aspiring *Cataline* fhall be forgot,
 Bloody *Sejanus*, or who e're would Plot
 Confufion to a State ; the Warrs betwixt
 The Parliament, and just *Henry* the fixt,
 Shall have no thought or mention, caufe their power,
 Not only plac'd, but left him in the *Tower* ;
 Nor yet the Grave advice of learned *Pym*
 Make a Malignant, and then Plunder him.

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Methinks there fhould not fuch a difference be
 'Twixt our profeffion and your quality,
 You meet, plot, talk, confult, with minds immense,
 The like with us, but only we fpeak fenfe
 Inferiour unto you ; we can tell how
 To depofe Kings, there we are more than you,
 Although not more then what you would.

*Rump. An Exact Collection of the choycest Poems and
 Songs relating to the late Times, from Anno 1639 to
 Anno 1661. The Players Petition to the Parliament.
 1662. Part I. p. 33. [8vo.]*

[The *Players Petition* was not included in the first edition of this collection, which came out in 1660, nor is it contained in the reprint of the work published in 1731. It, however, appears to have been written in 1643, from the following lines near the beginning :—

“O wise mysterious Synod, what shall we
Do for such men as you e're forty three
Be half expir'd, and an unlucky season
Shall set a period to *Triennial Treason* ;—”

and the numerous allusions in it to “King Pym,” who died 8 Dec., 1643. The Long Parliament made an Order for closing the theatres, 2 Sept. 1642 (see after, p. 253), and this poem seems to have been a protest against such severity. The writer may have alluded to Shakespere's *Henry VI.* and *Richard II.* in the lines quoted above.

Mr. Hazlitt (Roxburghe Library, *English Drama and Stage*, 1869, p. 273) prints the last word in the second line *State-Bear*, which conveys no sense; the fi is slightly blurred, but it is plainly *flear* = *fleer*, a scornful look. L. T. S.]

THOMAS FULLER, 1643—1662.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE was born at *Stratford on Avon* in this County, in whom three eminent Poets may seem in some sort to be compounded.

1. *Martial*, in the *Warlike* sound of his Sur-name (whence some may conjecture him of a *Military extraction*) *Hasti-vibrans*, or *Shake-speare*.

2. *Ovid*, the most *naturall* and *witty* of all Poets; and hence it was that Queen *Elizabeth*, coming into a Grammar-School, made this extemporary verse,

‘*Perfius* a Crab-staffe, Bawdy *Martial*,
Ovid a fine Wag.’

3. *Plautus*, who was an exact Comœdian, yet never any Scholar, as our *Shake-speare* (if alive) would confesse himself. Adde to all these, that though his Genius generally was *jocular* and inclining him to *festivity*, yet he could (when so disposed) be *solemn* and *serious*, as appears by his Tragedies; so that *Heraclitus* himself (I mean if secret and unseen) might afford to smile at his Comedies, they were so *merry*; and *Democritus* scarce forbear to sigh at his Tragedies, they were so *mournfull*.

He was an eminent instance of the truth of that Rule, *Poeta not fit, sed nascitur*; one is not *made*, but *born* a Poet. Indeed his Learning was very little, so that, as *Cornish diamonds* are not polished by any Lapidary, but are pointed and smoothed even as they are taken out of the Earth, so *nature* it self was all the *art* which was used upon him.

Many were the *wit-combates* betwixt him and *Ben Johnson*; which two I behold like a *Spanish great Gallion* and an *English man of War*: Master *Johnson* (like the former) was built far higher in Learning; *Solid*, but *Slow* in his performances. *Shake-spear*, with the *English man of War*, lesser in *bulk*, but lighter in *sailing*, could turn with all tides, tack about, and take advantage of all winds, by the quickness of his Wit and Invention. He died Anno Domini 16 . . . , and was buried at *Stratford upon Avon*, the Town of his Nativity.

The History of the Worthies of England: Warwickshire.
1662. [Fo.] p. 126.

[Fuller was collecting the materials for his "Worthies" in 1643, but the work was not published till after his death, by his son in 1662. See *Biog. Brit.* ed. 1750, p. 2055, and *Memorials of Thos. Fuller*, by Rev. A. T. Russell, 1844, p. 152. L. T. S.]

We find Shakespeare treated as a name of "high qualitie" (*i. e.* a heroic name) in a work called *Polydoron*, mentioned by C. B. Carew in *Notes and Queries*, 3rd Ser., vol. i. p. 266. [*Polydoron* is perhaps the secondary title, no work appears to be known under that name. L. T. S.]

"Names were first questionlesse given for distinction, facultie, consanguinitie, desert, qualitie: for Smith, Taylor, Joyner, Sadler, &c., were doubtlesse of the trades; Johnson, Robinson, Williamson, of the blood: Sackville, Saville, names of honorable desert; Armstrong, Shakespeare of high qualitie:"

And R. Verstegan, in the chapter "Of the Surnames of our ancient Families" in his *Restitution of Decayed Intelligence*, 1634, p. 294, says:—

"*Breakspear, Shakspear*, and the like, have beene surnames imposed upon the first bearers of them for *valour, and feates of armes.*"

Shakespeare, as Fuller says, is *Hastivibrans* in Latin. In Greek it is *Δοριπάλτος* and *Ἐγχεσπάλτος*. Cf. Spenser's *Faery Queen*, b. iv, c. iii, st. 10:

"He, all enrag'd, his shivering speare did shake,
And charging him afresh thus felly him bespake."

[Mr. Ruskin's remark (*Fors Clavigera*: Letter 15, p. 12) of the coincidence, "that the name of the chief poet of passionate Italy [was] 'the bearer of the wing,' and that of the chief poet of practical England, the bearer or shaker of the spear," fails as regards Dante, whose family name *Alighieri*, with its softened form *Aldighieri*, is Germanic, reappearing in

the French form *Audigier*.¹ Two other instances of our phrase are as follow,—

“They laught to scorne the shaking of the Speare.”

(Davies of Hereford, *Triumph of Death*, p. 47, of *Humours Heaven on Earth*, Grosart's Chertsey Worthies Library, 1876.)

“And he laugheth at the shaking of the speare.”

(Job xli. 21, *Genevan Version*, 1560: v. 29 *Authorized Version*.)

See also before, p. 223, Thomas Bancroft's Epigrams. L. T. S.]

As we have given an example of the heroic employment of the phrase to *shake a spear*, we add one of the mock-heroic, from *Ilistrio-mastix, or the Player Whipt*, 4to, 1610, the work mentioned before, page 200.

“Enter Troylus and Cressida.

Troy. Come *Cressida* my Cresset light,
Thy face doth shine both day and night,
Behold, behold, thy garter blue,
Thy knight his valiant elboe weares,
That When he shakes his furious Speare,
The foe in shivering fearfull sort,
May lay him downe in death to snort.

Cres. O knight with vallour in thy face,
Here take my skreene weare it for grace,
Within thy Helmet put the same,
Therewith to make thine enemies lame.

Landulpho. Lame stuffe indeed the like was never heard.”

(Sign. C. 4.)

In *Post-haste, the Poet*, who accompanies the Players of the mock-play “Troilus and Cressida,” Mr. Richard Simpson sees a caricature of Shakespeare. (*School of Shakspeare*, vol. ii. pp. 11—14.) The first four lines here spoken by Troilus contain the supposed allusion to an incident in Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida*, Act IV. Sc. iv. ll. 72, 73, which we believe to be rebutted by the dates.

See also, Edmund Gayton on Sancho Panza, under date 1654.

¹ Mr. Ruskin probably had in view the fact that the Alighieri family, on their removal to Verona, changed their arms to *azure*, a wing *or*. See H. Clark Barlow's *Contributions to the Study of the Divina Commedia*, 1864, p. 9; and K. Witte, *Dante Forschungen* (1879), p. 25.

THOMAS FULLER, 1643—1662.

John Fastolfe, Knight * * the Stage hath been overbold with his memory, making him a *Thrafonical Puff*, & emblem of *Mock-valour*.

True it is, *Sir John Oldcastle* did first bear the brunt of the one, being made the *make-sport* in all plays for a *coward*. It is easily known out of what *purse* this black *peny* came. The *Papists* railing on him for a *Heretick*, and therefore he must also be a *coward*, though indeed he was a *man of arms, every inch of him*, and as valiant as any in his age

Now as I am glad that *Sir John Oldcastle* is *put out*, so I am sorry that *Sir John Fastolfe* is *put in*, to relieve his memory in this base service, to be the *anvil* for every *dull wit* to strike upon. Nor is our Comedian excusable, by some alteration of his name, writing him *Sir John Falstaffe* (and making him the *property of pleasure* for King *Henry* the fifth to abuse) seeing the *vicinity* of sounds intrench on the memory of *that worthy Knight*, and few do heed the *inconsiderable difference* in spelling of their name.

The Worthies of England. 1662. Norfolk, p. 253.

[Worthy old Fuller was determined to vindicate the two heroes who had been apparently vilified by Shakespere's fun. Mr. W. G. Stone kindly points out what he says on this behalf in his *Church History* :—

"*Stage-poets* have themselves been very *bold* with, and others very *merry* at, the Memory of *S^t John Oldcastle*, whom they have fancied a *boon Companion*, a *joyial Royster*, and yet a *Coward* to boot, contrary to the credit of all Chronicles, owning him a *Martial man* of merit. The best is, *S^t John Falstaffe*, hath relieved the memory of *S^t John Oldcastle*, and of late is substituted *Buffoone* in his place ; but it matters as little what *petulant Poets*, as what *malicious Papists* have written against him."

(Thos. Fuller, *Church History*, fol. 1655, bk IV. cent. XV. p. 168.)
See further on this subject, after, p. 268. L. T. S.]

SIR RICHARD BAKER, 1643.

Men of Note in her time [Elizabeth].

After such men¹, it might be thought ridiculous to speak of Stage-players; but seeing excellency in the meanest things deserve remembring, and *Rofcius*² the Comedian is recorded in History with such commendation, it may be allowed us to do the like with some of our Nation. *Richard Bourbidge* and *Edward Allen*, two such Actors, as no age must ever look to see the like: and, to make their Comedies compleat, *Richard Tarleton*, who for the Part called the Clowns Part, never had his match, never will have. For Writers of Playes, and such as had been Players themselves, *William Shakespeare*, and *Benjamin Johnson*, have specially left their Names recommended to posterity. (p. 120)

William Shakespeare an excellent writer of Comedies.

(Index, referring to the above passage.)

Sir Richard Bakers Chronicle. 1643. [fo.] *The Raigne of Queen Elizabeth.*

¹ Statesmen, Writers and Divines.

² Misprinted Boscus.

Anonymous, 1644.

Although he came with confidence to the scaffold, and the blood wrought lively in his cheeks, yet when he did lye down upon the block he trembled every joint of him; the sense of something after death, and the undiscovered country unto which his soul was wandering startling his resolution, and possessing every joint of him with an universal palsie of fear.

London Post, January, 1644. (On the Execution of Archbishop Laud.)

[This forcible passage contains an evident reference to *Hamlet*, ii. 2:—

“But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscovered Country, from whose Borne
No Traveller returns, Puzzles the will,” &c.

(Fo. 1623.)

It is quoted in the *Academy*, January 31, 1874, p. 121. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1644.

Aulicus keeps to the old way of devotion, and that is the offering up the incense of so many lies and intelligence every *Sunday morning*: one would thinke that the Judgements which have been writ from heaven against the prophanation of that day, recorded by our protomartyr, *Master Burton*, should be able to deterre a *Diurnall maker*, a paper-intelligencer, a penny worth of newes, but the Creature hath writ himselfe into a *reprobate sense*, and you may see how it thrives with him, for his braines have been wonderfully blasted of late, and plannet-strucke, and he is not now able to provoke the meanest Christian to laughter, but lies in a paire of *foule sheets*, a wofull spectacle and object of dullnesse, and tribulation, not to be recovered by the Protestant or *Catholique liquour*, either *Ale* or strong beer, or Sack, or Claret, or Hippocras, or Muscadine, or Rosafolis, which hath been reputed formerly by his Grandfather *Ben Johnson* and his Uncle *Shakespeare*, and his Couzen *Germaines Fletcher*, and *Beaumont*, and nose-lesse *Davenant*, and Frier *Sherley* the Poets, the onely blossoms for the brain, the restoratives for the wit, the (^{sk}) bathing for the wine^l muses, but none of these are now able either to warme him into a quibble, or to inflame him into a sparkle of invention, and all this because he hath prophaned the *Sabbath* by his pen.

*Mercurius Britannicus: Numb. 20 (January 4-11, 1644).
Communicating the affaires of Great Britaine: For the
better Information of the People.*

This curious extract from one of the *Mercuries*, or Newspapers, of the Rebellion is a Puritanical attack on "the old way of devotion," viz., the publication of a Sunday Newspaper. It must be borne in mind that the Theatres were now closed by order of the Parliament, though in point of fact the prohibition had not succeeded in wholly putting down theatrical performances. The Theatres had been partially closed in June, 1600, and again, on account of the plague, in May 14, 1636. Civil war broke out in August, 1642; the first battle being fought on September 22 in that year. The first order of Parliament for closing the Theatres was dated September 2, 1642; and this being found ineffectual to suppress stage-plays, a more stringent order was promulgated in 1647, bearing date Oct. 22. The theatre was thus practically in abeyance till the performance of Davenant's *Siege of Rhodes* in 1656. Our *Third Period*, however, is continued till the Restoration, 1660: when the floodgates of pleasure were once more opened, and the stage was deluged with theatrical licentiousness.

The "Master Burton" here referred to was the Rev. Henry Burton, the Puritan author, who suffered (with Prynne and Dr Bastwicke) in 1637, for publishing a tract entitled "For God and the King." See *A New Discovery of the Prelates Tyranny*. 1641. [4to.] Restored to liberty in 1640, he wrote his life, published in 1643. He died in 1648.

The extract was quoted by Mr. G. Bullen in the *Athenaum* of Aug. 13, 1870.

JOHN CLEVELAND, *about 1644*. (DIED 1658.)

Strange Scarlet Doctors thefe; they'll pafs in Story
 For Sinners half refin'd in Purgatory;
 Or parboyl'd Lobfters, where there joyntly rules
 The fading Sables, and the coming Gules.
 The Flea that *Falftaff* damn'd thus lewdly fhows
 Tormented in the Flames of *Bardolph's* Noſe;

The Mixt Aſſembly (p. 33).

The terror of whoſe [Rupert's] Name can out of ſeven
 Like *Falftaf's* Buckram-men, make fly eleven.

Rupertismus (p. 53); *To Prince Rupert* (p. 275).

The Works of Mr. John Cleveland, 1687. Edition 1677, pp. 43, 67, 101.

[Cleveland warmly espoused the king's side, and was evidently well acquainted with Shakespere's works. The first extract is from *The Mixt Assembly*, a sharp satire upon the Westminster Assembly of Divines, one of the great objections to which by the episcopal party was that "there was a mixture of laity with the clergy." The Assembly first met on 1 July 1643, and continued till Feb. 22, 1648-9; we may presume that Cleveland wrote his satire in the early days of their meeting, and assign 1644 as a probable date for it. "The character of a Diurnal maker," in which he says that "a Diurnal-maker is the sub-almoner of History, Queen *Mab's* Register" (*Works*, 1687, p. 78), belongs to the same time (see Nichols' *History and Antiquities of Leicester*, Vol. III, Part II, pp. 913-916). Cleveland may have had Mercutio's famous speech in mind when he spoke of Queen Mab, or he may have thought of Hotspur's speech in 1 *Henry IV* when he wrote—

"He that the noble *Piercie's* Blood inherits
 Will he strike up a Hot-Spur of the Spirits?"

(*Mixt Assembly*, p. 34.)

But there is nothing to show that he alluded to Shakespere in naming these well-known mythological and historic personages.

The Elegies upon Ben Jonson at pp. 310-314, and p. 330, of the 1687 edition of Cleveland's Works, falsely attributed to him, are by Jaspar Mayne and Richard West. Extracts from both are given before, pp. 212, 214.

Sir John Fastolf (died 1459) bequeathed estates to Magdalene College, Oxford, part of which were appropriated to buy liveries for some of the senior scholars. But this, in time, yielding but a penny a week, the scholars "were called, by way of contempt, Falstaff's Buckram-men." (See 1 *Henry IV*, Act II. sc. iv.) Warton, *Hist. of English Poetry*, ed. 1840, vol. ii. p. 17. L. T. S.]

THOMAS PRUJEAN, 1644.

The Argument of *Romeos* and *Juliets* :

Romeo and *Juliet*, issues of two enimies, *Mountegue* and *Capulet*, Citizens of *Verona*, fell in love one with the other : hee going to give her a visit meetes *Tyball* her kinsman, who urging a fight was slaine by him : for this Romeo was banished and refided at *Mantua*, where he received an Epistle from *Juliet*.

Aurorata, [having as a second part] *Loves Looking Glasse Divine and Humane. The Divine one in Christs Birth and Passion faithfully showne: The Humane one in foure Epistles of Juliets, Romeos, Lisanders, Calistas.* (Argument to *Epistles from Juliet to Romeo, and from Romeo to Juliet.*) Sign. E. 1644. [12mo.]

[The above extract is the *Argument* to two poems entitled *Juliet to Romeo* and *Romeo to Juliet*, of 100 lines each. There is nothing in them specially referring to or drawn from Shakespere, but the recent popularity of his great love-play makes it more likely that Prujean referred to the remembrance of Shakespere in the minds of his readers, than of Arthur Brooke's earlier version of the story. Neither, however, made epistles pass between the lovers. Mr. P. A. Daniel, editor of Brooke's poem and Shakespere's play for the New Sh. Society, who has kindly examined Prujean's work for me, concurs in these remarks. L. T. S.]

VINDEK ANGLICUS, 1644.

There is no fort of verfe either ancient, or modern, which we are not able to equal by imitation ; we have our Englifh Virgil, Ovid, Seneca, Lucan, Juvenal, Martial, and Catullus : in the Earl of Surry, Daniel, Johnfon, Spencer, Don, Shakefpear, and the glory of the reft, Sandys and Sydney.

Vindex Anglicus; or the Perfections of the Englifh language defended and asserted. Oxford, 1644.

Reprinted in the Harleian Miscellany, 8vo. edition, Vol. v. p. 431.

[No author's name is given for this tract in the reprint,¹ nor in Hazlitt or Lowndes. None of these seem to be aware that it is an ingenious re-cast of Richard Carew's essay on "The Excellencie of the Englifh Tongue," printed in the 1614 and fubfequent editions of Camden's *Remaines concerning Britain*, into which the writer has alfo worked passages from Camden's chapter on "Languages" which precedes Carew's essay. He even has stolen thoughts if not expreffions from Sidney's *Apologie for Poetrie*. We have here a clear cafe of literary theft, for Carew died in 1620, and Camden in 1623, and 1644 must be about the true date when *Vindex Anglicus* was written, from the author's exclamation "What matchless and incomparable pieces of eloquence hath this time of civil war afforded? Came there ever from a prince's pen fuch exact pieces as are his majesty's declarations?" and his reference to Digby's fpeeches (p. 431). The paffage above is copied and altered from the paffage quoted from Carew, before, p. 20. L. T. S.]

¹ I owe the reference to Mr. F. J. Furnivall.

PAUL AYLWARD, 1645.

To his deere friend Mr. *Henry Burkhead*, upon his
Tragedy of Cola's fury.

You I preferre. *Johnson* for all his wit
Could never paint out times as you have hit
The manners of our age: The fame declines
Of ne're enough pray'd *Shakespeare* if thy lines
Come to be publiht: *Beaumont* and *Fletcher's* skill
Submitts to yours, and your more learned quill.

DANIELL BREEDY, 1645.

[To the fame]

Deere friend since then this peece so well limn'd
As most would thinke 'twas by *Ben. Johnson* trimm'd,
That *Shakespeare*, *Fletcher*, and all did combine
To make *Lirenda* through the Clouds to shine.

*Commendatory lines prefixed to A Tragedy of Cola's Furie
or Lirendas Miserie. Kilkenny, 1645.*

GEORGE WITHERS?, 1645.

John Tylour, then the Courts shrill *Chanticleere*
 Did summon all the *Jurours* to appeare :
 Hee had the Cryers place : an office fit,
 For him that hath a better voyce, then wit.
 Hee, who was called first in all the List,
George Withers hight, entitled Satyrift ;
 Then *Cary*, *May*, and *Davenant* were call'd forth ;
 Renowned Poets all, and men of worth,
 If wit may passe for worth. Then *Sylv:ster*,
Sands, *Drayton*, *Beaumont*, *Fletcher*, *Maffinger*,
Shakespeare, and *Heywood*, Poets good and free ;
 Dramatick writers all, but the first three :
 These were empanell'd all.

(p. 9.)

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These were the crimes, whereof he¹ was accus'd
 To which he pleads not guilty, but refus'd
 [sic] By Histriomicke Poëts to be try'd,
 'Gainst whom, he thus maliciously enveigh'd
 Justice (sayd he) and no sinister fury,
 Diswades me from a tryall by a jury,
 That of worfe misdemeanours guilty bee,
 Then those which are objected against mee :
 These mercinary pen-men of the Stage,
 That foster the grand vices of this age,

¹ *The Intelligencer.*

Should in this Common-wealth no office beare,
 But rather stand with vs Delinquents here :
Shakeſpear's a Mimicke, *Maſſinger* a Sot,
Heywood for *Aganippe* takes a plot :
Beaumont and *Fletcher* make one poët, they
 Single, dare not adventure on a Play.
 Theſe things are all but th' error of the Muſes,
 Abortive witts, foul fountains of abuſes :
 Reptiles, which are equivocally bred,
 Under ſome hedge, not in that geniall bed
 Where lovely art with a brave wit conjoyn'd,
 Engenders Poëts of the nobleſt kind.
Plato refus'd ſuch creatures to admit
 Into his Common-wealth, and is it fit
Parnaſſus ſhould the exiles entertaine
 Of Plato ?'

• • • • •

Thus ſpake the Priſ'ner.

[*Plautus, Terence, Menander, Ariſtophanes* mutter among the
 crowd.]

And while 'mongſt theſe the murmure did encrease,
 The Cryer warn'd them all to hold their peace.

The Court was ſilent, then *Apollo* ſpake :
 If thou (ſaid He) chiefly for vertues ſake,
 Or true affection to the Common-weale,
 Didſt our Dramatick Poëts thus appeale,
 We ſhould to thy exception give conſent,
 But ſince we are aſſur'd, 'tis thy intent,
 By this refusall, onely to deferre
 That cenſure, which our juſtice muſt conferre
 Upon thy merits ; we muſt needs decline
 From approbation of theſe pleas of thine,
 And are reſolv'd that at this time, and place,

They shall as Jurours, on thy tryall passe,
 But if our *Cenfour* shall hereafter find,
 They have deserved ill, we have design'd
 That they likewise shall be to judgement brought,
 To suffer for those crimes, which they have wrought,
 Thus spake the Sovereign of the two-topp'd Mount.

The Great Assises Holden in Parnassus. London. 1645.
 pp. 9, 31—33.

[The title of this curious Satire on the newsletters and newspapers of the day runs as follows ;—“The Great Assises holden in Parnassvs by Apollo and his Assessoers : At which Sessions are Arraigned *Mercurius Britanicus*, *Mercurius Aulicus*, *Mercurius Civicus*, *The Scout*, *The writer of Diurnalls*, *The Intelligencer*” and six others. The constitution of the court is set out on the second page, Apollo is president, the judges, Lord Verulam, Sidney, Erasmus, &c., follow, then two lists, one of “The Malefactours” (the same as those given on the title-page), the other of “The Jurours,” whose names are *George Wither*, *Thomas Cary*, *Thomas May*, *William Davenant*, *Josuah Sylvester*, *Georges Sandes*, *Michael Drayton*, *Francis Beaumont*, *John Fletcher*, *Thomas Haywood*, *William Shakespeare*, *Philip Massinger*. The other officers of the court are, “*Joseph Scaliger*, the Censour of manners in *Parnassus*, *Ben. Johnson*, Keeper of the Trophonian Denne, *John Taylour*, Cryer of the Court, *Edmund Spencer*, Clerk of the Assises.”

The jurors are successively hit at by the challenging of the prisoners. In Apollo's defence of the “Dramatick Poets” given above, Withers gives a cautious opinion.

This book does not bear Withers' name, but it was ascribed to him on the authority of Dalrymple and Hearne by Bliss in his edition of Wood's *Athene Oxoniensis*, vol. iii. p. 773. But the Rev. Mr. Ebsworth is of a contrary opinion, not believing that any man would describe himself so insultingly as some lines in this poem do Withers. See “Choyce Drollery,” Boston, 1876, pp. 405, 406. L. T. S.]

SAMUEL SHEPPARD, 1646.

See him whose Tragic Sceans EURIPIDES
Doth equal, and with SOPHOCLES we may
Compare great SHAKESPEAR ARISTOPHANES
Never like him, his Fancy could display,
Witness the Prince of *Tyre*, his Pericles,
His sweet and his to be admired lay
He wrote of lustful *Tarquins* rape shews he
D:did understand the depth of Poesie.

*The Times Displayed in Six Sestiyads, 1646. The sixth
Sestiyad: St. 9, p. 22. [40.]*

Anonymous, 1647.

But directed by the example of some, who once steered in our qualitie, and so fortunately aspired to chooſe your *Honour*, joyned with your (now glorified) *Brother, Patrons* to the flowing compositions of the then expired sweet *Swan of Avon* SHAKESPEARE ;
 • • we have presumed to offer to your *Selfe*, what before was never printed of these *Authours*.

The dedicatory epistle of ten Players "to Philip Earle of Pembroke and Mountgomery." Prefixed to the first edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's Works: 1647. [Fo.]

The writer here adopts Ben Jonson's graceful *sobriquet* for Shakespeare :
 "Sweet Swan of Avon" (p. 150).

[Prefixed to the first folio of Beaumont and Fletcher there is, besides this Epistle of the ten players, whose names are subscribed to it, an address "To the Reader" signed *Ja. Shirley*, and one by "The Stationer to the Reader," signed *Humphrey Moseley*. There is nothing to show who wrote the ten Players' epistle. L. T. S.]

SIR JOHN DENHAM, 1647.

Then was wits Empire at the fatall height,
 When labouring and finking with its weight,
 From thence a thousand leffer Poets sprong,
 Like petty Princes from the Fall of *Rome*,
 When JOHNSON, SHAKESPEARE, and thy selfe did fit,
 And sway'd in the Triumvirate of wit—
 Yet what from JOHNSONS oyle and sweat did flow,
 Or what more easie nature did bestow
 On SHAKESPEARES gentler Muse, in thee full growne
 Their Graces both appeare, yet so, that none
 Can say here Nature ends, and Art begins
 But mixt like th' Elements, and borne like twins,
 So interweav'd, so like, so much the same,
 None this meere Nature, that meere Art can name:
 'Twas this the Ancients meant, Nature & Skill
 Are the two topps of their Pernaffus Hill.

*Commendatory Verses on John Fletcher, prefixed to the first
 edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's Works.*

[On the contrast between the nature and art of Shakespere and of Jonson
 see before, p. 130, and after, Winstanley, 1684. On "the elements so
 mix'd" see before, p. 53. L. T. S.]

JAMES HOWELL, 1647.

Had now grim Ben bin breathing, with what rage
And high-fwolne fury had Hee lash'd this age,
SHAKESPEARE with CHAPMAN had grown madd, and torn
Their gentle *Sock*, and lofty *Buskins* worne,
To make their Muse welter up to the chin
In blood;

*Commendatory Verses "upon Master Fletcher's Dramaticall
Workes." Prefixed to the first edition of Beaumont and
Fletcher's Works.*

GEORGE DANIEL OF BESWICK, 1647.

The Sweetest Swan of Avon, to y^e faire
 And Cruel Delia, passionatelie Sings;
 Other mens weakeneses and follies are
 Honour and witt in him; each Accent brings
 A Sprig to Crowne him Poet; and Coutrive
 A Monument, in his owne worke, to live.
 Draiton is sweet and Smooth; though not exact
 Perhaps, to stricter Eyes; yet he shall live
 Beyond their Malice. To the Sceane, and Act,
 Read Comicke Shakespeare; or if you would give
 Praise to a Just Defert, crowning the Stage
 See Beaumont, once the honour of his Age.

Poems. Vindication of Poesie. Add. MS. 19,255, p. 17 (British Museum). Privately printed by Dr. Grosart, 1878, 4 vols. [4to.] Vol. 1, pp. 28, 29.

[By the "sweetest Swan of Avon" is intended Samuel Daniel the Royalist poet (no relation to George. Upon the "Swan of Avon" see Jonson and the ten Players, before, pp. 150, 262; and Appendix A). George Daniel rated Jonson above all, saying of him,

"Hee was of English Drammatickes, the Prince."

Dr. Grosart says that "he idolized Ben Jonson, and set himself resolutely against the supremacy of Shakespere," and he finds a consciousness of this in the lines,

"I am not tyed to any general flame,
 Nor fixed by the Approbation
 Of great ones." (*Vindication of Poesie*, p. 30.)

L. T. S.]

GEORGE DANIEL OF BESWICK, 1647.

47.

The worthy S^r whom Falstaffe's ill-vs'd name
 Personates, on the Stage, left scandall might
 Creep backward, & blott Martyr, were a shame,
 Though Shakespeare, Story, & Fox, legend write;
 That Manual, where dearth of Story brought
 Such S's worthy this Age, to make it out.

50.

Another Knight but of noe great Account
 (Soe say his freinds) was one of these new Saints
 A Priest! but the fatt Mault-Man! (if yo^r don't
 Remember him, S^r Iohn has let his rants¹
 Flye backward), the first Knight to be made
 And golden Spurres, hee, in his Bosome had.

(MS., pp. 464, 465; reprint, pp. 112, 113.)

136.

Here, to Evince the Scandall, has bene throwne
 Vpon a Name of Honour, (Charactred
 From a wrong Person, Coward, and Buffoone;)
 Call in your easie faiths, from what y'ave read
 To laugh at Falstaffe, as an humor fram'd
 To grace the Stage, to please the Age, misnam'd.

137.

But thinke, how farre vnfit? how much below
 Our Harrie's Choice, had such a Person bene?

¹ The MS. has the) after "rants," but the sense requires it after "backward."

To such a Truft? the Town's a Taverne now
 And plumpe S' Iohn, is but the Bush far-seene ;
 As all the Toyle of Princes had beene Spent
 To force a Lattice, or Subdue a Pinte.¹ [1 Pent=roof.]

138.

Such Stage-mirth, have they made Him; Harry saw
 Meritt; and Scandall but pursues the Steps
 Of Honour, with ranke Mouth, if Truth may draw
 Opinion, wee are paid; how ere the heapes
 Who crowd to See, in Expectation fall
 To the Sweet Nugilogues, of Jacke, and Hall. .

139.

Noe longer please your selves to iniure Names
 Who liv'd to Honour; if (as who dare breath
 A Syllable from Harrie's Choice) the fames
 Conferr'd by Princes, may redeeme from Death?
 Live Falstaffe then; whose Truft, and Courage ouce
 Merited the first Government in France;

140.

This may Suffice, to right him; let the Guilt
 Fall where it may; unquestion'd Harrie Stands
 From the foure Points of vertue, equall built,
 Judgment Secur'd, the Glorie, of his Hands;
 And from his bountie, blot out what may rise
 Of Comicke Mirth, to Falstaff's præjudice.

(MS., pp. 477, 478; reprint, pp. 135-6.)

Poems, 1616—1657. *Privately printed from the MS.* (Add.
 19,255) in the *British Museum* by Dr. Grosart, 1878.
Trinachordia, The Raigne of Henrie the Fifth, vol. iv.

[Doubtless the popularity of the Plays [*I. and II. King Henry IV.* and
Merry Wives of Windsor], and so the universal acceptance of Falstaff, stung
 the Royalist Poet thus to reprimand Shakespere. See end of note, p. 269.

In stanza 138, *Nugilogues*=triflings or banter, *i.e. nugæ*, trifles. Jacke
 and Hall are of course Falstaff and Prince Hal. A. B. Grosart.]

[In stanza 50, the Priest probably refers to Sir John of Wrotham, and the fatt Mault-Man to William Murley the Malt-man of Dunstable, the would-be knight, both in the play called *The First Part of Sir John Oldcastle*, 1600, sign. F 4, D 1, bk, G 2.

From stanza 47 it is evident that George Daniel was aware that Falstaff was formerly called Oldcastle on the stage, and that this "ill-used name" had been suppressed and changed "lest scandall might" "blott Martyr." He, however, like Thomas Fuller (see before, p. 249), speaks out in vindication of the fair fame of Fastolf, the Norfolk knight to whose "trust and courage," as distinguished captain and governor in France in the 15th century, he alludes in stanza 139.

The prologue of the *First Part of the Life of Sir John Oldcastle*, two editions of which came out in 1600, contained the following lines:—

"It is no pamer'd Glutton we present,
Nor aged Councillour to youthfull sinne,
But one, whose vertue shone above the rest,
A valiant Martyr, and a vertuous Peere ;
In whose true faith and loyalty exprest
Unto his soveraigne and his Countries weale :
We strive to pay that tribute of our love
Your favours merit. Let faire Truth be grac'd,
Since forg'd invention former time defac'd."

which seem clearly to point to the popular misapprehension of Oldcastle under the character of Falstaff, and the desire of the author of this play to clear Oldcastle's memory. (The name of Shakespere was affixed by the bookseller to one of the two 1600 editions of the play. See Chas. Knight's *Studies of Shakespere*, 1849, p. 270—272.) L. T. S.]

[In justice to Shakespere I would add a word on an error begun ignorantly in his own day, and continued—spite of Theobald and others—by literate names in this nineteenth century, namely, that Shakespere's plump Jack and the historical Sir John Fastolf were one.

When Shakespere substituted Falstaff for Oldcastle he perhaps chose the name because it was existent at the time of his plays, but in Elizabeth's day extinct, and because he thought he could not further vilify the name of one who had, as he believed (see *1 Henry VI.*), proved himself a coward. But fat Sir Apple-John was an old man in the latter days of Henry IV, and died just before Henry V. embarked for France. The Falstaff [Fastolf] of history had a government in France under Henry V, and was accused of cowardice in the next reign, as shown in *1 Henry VI.* It matters not to this question whether *1 Henry VI.* be Shakespere's or not. The play was at least known to him, and was acted before the change was made from Oldcastle to Falstaff in *Henry IV.* Shakespere therefore not only knew the difference between the two Falstaffs, but intended it to be known. Hence perhaps the reason why he in his *Henry V.* never even alludes to the historical Sir John, thus

allowing a long break between the death of one and the appearance of the other. B. N.]

[The case seems to be this: in 1 *Henry IV*, as acted at first, the jovial boon companion and coward (a lollard) bore the name of Sir John Oldcastle, who had suffered martyrdom as a Lollard in the days of Henry V; this giving offence to the family of Oldcastle (see Dr. James, before, p. 164), Shakespere changed the name before the play was printed to Falstaff (*Stationers' Registers*, Feb. 25, 1597-8).¹ Falstaff was but a modification of the name of Sir John Fastolf, who was a noted warrior and brave commander under Henry V. and Henry VI.; he was also a lollard, and having passed under the imputation of cowardice (though afterwards triumphantly cleared, see Mr. Jas. Gairdner's article in *Fortnightly Review*, March 1873, Vol. 13, p. 343), and being a somewhat unpopular man in his own day, Shakespere found that he fitted the character for whom he wanted a name. He disguised the name slightly by the common change of letters (see what Fuller says, before, p. 249), yet the confusion crept into the common mind, so that the fat jovial coward was remembered by the name of Oldcastle as late as 1618 (see Field's *Amends to fair Ladies*, before, p. 127), perhaps even down to 1651. (See after, T. Randolph's *Hey for Honesty*, p. 293.) The testimony of Dr. Richard James, George Daniel, and Fuller, taken together, show clearly that the distinction between Sir John Oldcastle, Sir John Fastolf, and Falstaff in their historical and poetical characters was well understood certainly by some. (See authorities cited in Dyce's *Shakespere*, 1866, Vol. iv. p. 204, and Mr. Gairdner's article as above.) L. T. S.]

¹ The *Epilogue* to 2 *Henry IV*, in which Falstaff is to die of a sweat, "for Oldcastle died a martyr, and this is not the man," shows that Shakespere was disclaiming the identity in the Second play (1597-8) about the same time that the First was being printed.

"That Falstaff was first calld Oldcastle in the play, we know also from *Old* having been printed at the head of the speech, 'Very well, my lord, very well,' in the quarto 1600, of 2 *Henry IV*, Act I, sc. ii, and from Prince Hal calling Falstaff in 1 *Henry IV*, Act I, sc. ii, 'My old lord of the castle,' &c.—Furnivall's Introduction to *Leopold Shakspere*, p. 1, *note*. Dyce and Prof. Dowden point out that Shakespere borrowed the name of Oldcastle in the first instance from *The Famous Victories of Henry V*, a popular play acted before 1588, in which one of the Prince's wild companions is a Sir John Oldcastle.

As this sheet goes to press, Dr. Grosart sends me the following from John Trapp, M.A., to the same effect as Fuller and Daniel:—"If dirt will stick to a mudwal, yet to marble it will not * * * N. D., Author of the three conversions, hath made Sr. *John Oldcastle* the Martyr, a Ruffian, a Robber, and a Rebel. His authority is taken from the Stage-players, of like conscience for lyes as all men know." *Commentary upon Nehemiah*, 1657. Chap. VI., v. 6.

WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT, 1647.

Twixt *Johnsons* grave, and *Shakespeare's* lighter found
 His muse so steer'd that something still was found,
 Nor this, nor that, nor both, but so his owne,
 That 'twas his marke, and he was by it knowne.

* * * * *

Shakespeare to thee was dull, whose best jest lyes
 I' th Ladies questions, and the Fooles replies ;
 Old fashion'd wit, which walkt from town to town
 In turn'd Hose, which our fathers call'd the Clown ;
 Whose wit our nice times would obseannefs call,
 And which made Bawdry pas for Comicall :
 Nature was all his Art, thy veine was free
 As his, but without his scurility ;

*Upon the Dramatick Poems of Mr. John Fletcher; prefixed to the
 first edition of Beaumont and Fletcher's Works, and included
 (under that title) in Cartwright's Comedies, Tragi-comedies, and
 Poems, 1651 [sm. 8vo.], pp. 270 and 273.*

Canon Kingsley calls Cartwright a "wondrous youth." (*Essays*, 1873, p. 58.) The fact is, he was not a good poet ; but for his manifold and precocious accomplishments he might have been nicknamed *Drusus*. Like Jasper Mayne, he was a dramatist in Holy Orders ; but he wrote twice as many plays as Mayne : viz., four.

J. BERKENHEAD, 1647.

Shakefpear was early up, and went fo drest
 As for thofe *dawning* houres he knew was beft ;
 But when the Sun fhone forth, *You Two* thought fit
 To weare juft Robes, and leave off Trunk-hofe-Wit.

* * * * *

Brave *Shakefpeare* flow'd, yet had his Ebbings too,
 Often above Himfelfe, fometimes below ;
 Thou Alwayes Beft ; if ought feem'd 'to decline,
 'Twas the unjudging Rout's miftake, not Thine. ^{mob's}

*Prefixed to the First Folio Edition of Beaumont and
 Fletcher's Works, 1647.*

SIR GEORGE BUCK, 1647.

Let *Shakespeare*, *Chapman*, and applauded *Ben*,
 Weare the Eternall merit of their Pen,
 Here I am love-ficke : and were I to chuse,
 A Miftris corrivall 'tis *Fletcher's* Mufe.

*Prefixed to the first edition of Beaumont
 and Fletcher's Works. 1647.*

T. PALMER, 1647.

I could prayse *Heywood* now : or tell how long,
Falstaffe from cracking Nuts hath kept the throng :
 But for a *Fletcher*, I must take an Age
 And scarce invent the Title for one Page.

*Prefixed to the first edition of Beaumont
 and Fletcher's Works. 1647.*

Anonymous, 1648.

Wednesday the 27 of December.

From Windfor came to White-Hall this day thus. That the King is pretty merry, and spends much time in reading of Sermon Books, and sometimes *Shakspeare* and *Ben : Johnsons* Playes.

Perfect Occurences of Every Daies iournall in Parliament, Proceedings with His Majesty, and other moderate intelligence. No. 104. Fryday Dec. 22 to Fryday Dec. 30 1648.

[It is well known that the cultivated taste of Charles I. delighted in Shakespere; we here see how he could thus find distraction from his troubles within a month of his death. See also after, J. Cook, p. 276. L. T. S.]

JOHN MILTON, 1649.

From Stories of this nature both Ancient and Modern which abound, the Poets also, and some English, have been in this Point so mindful of *Decorum*, as to put never more pious Words in the Mouth of any Person, then of a Tyrant. I shall not instance an abstruse Author, wherein the King might be less conversant, but one whom we well know was the Closet Companion of these his Solitudes, *William Shakespeare*: who introduces the Person of *Richard* the Third, speaking in as high a strain of Piety, and mortification, as is uttered in any passage of this Book [Εικὼν Βασιλική]; and sometimes to the same sense and purpose with some words in this Place, *I intended*, saith he, *not only to oblige my Friends, but mine Enemies*. The like saith *Richard*, *Act 2, Scen. 1.*

*“ I do not know that English Man alive,
With whom my Soul is any jot at odds,
More then the Infant that is born to night;
I thank my God for my Humility.”*

Other stuff of this sort may be read throughout the whole Tragedy, wherein the Poet us'd not much Licence in departing from the Truth of History, which delivers him a deep Dissembler, not of his affections only, but of Religion.

Ἐικονοκλάστης, in *Answer to a Book intitul'd Εικὼν βασιλική*
1690 [8vo], §1, pp. 9-10.

In the compiler's judgment Malone was in error in taking these remarks to imply a rebuke to Charles I for making Shakespeare his closet-companion. Milton merely takes a book which he knew was a favourite with the king, and out of it reads him a lesson. Apart from the single word "stuff," there is nothing like disparagement of Shakespeare in his remarks; and the contemptuous use of that word is the growth of a later age. Milton uses it also in the Introduction to *Samson Agonistes*, 1671. Having alluded to a tragedy named *Christ Suffering*, attributed to St. Gregory Nazianzen, Milton writes,

"This is mention'd to vindicate Tragedy from the small esteem, or rather infamy, which in the account of many it undergoes at this day with other common Interludes; hap'ning through the Poets error of intermixing Comic stuff with Tragic sadness and gravity; or introducing trivial and vulgar persons, which by all judicious hath bin counted absurd; and brought in without discretion, corruptly to gratifie the people."—*Of that sort of Dramatic Poem which is call'd Tragedy.*

J. COOK, 1649.

Had he [King Charles] but studied Scripture half so much as
Ben: Johnson or *Shakespear*, he might have learnt, That when
Amaziah [&c.]

[Cf. 2 Kings xiv. and
 2 Chron. xxv.—C. M. E.]

*King Charls his Case: or, an Appeal to all Rational Men,
 concerning his Tryal.* 1649. p. 13. [4to.]

[Sam. Butler, the author of *Hudibras*, wrote an answer to Cook's pamphlet, entitled *The Plagiary exposed: or an Old answer to a Newly revived Calumny against the memory of King Charles I* (published 1691, but written "above forty years since"), in which he retorts upon Cook for the affectation of his language, "therefore you do ill to accuse him of reading *Johnsons* and *Shakespears* Plays, which should seem you have been more in yourself to much worse purpose, else you had never hit so right upon the very Dialect of their railing Advocates, in which (believe me) you have really outacted all that they could fansie of passionate and ridiculous Outrage" (p. 2). L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1650.

Mr Ben : Johnfon and Mr Wm: Shake-fpeare Being Merrye
att a Tavern Mr Jonfon haveing begune this for his Epitaph

Here lies Ben Johnfon that was once one [one's son.
he gives ytt to Mr Shakfpear to make upp who presently
wrightes

Who while hee liv'de was a floe thing
and now being dead is Nothinge.

*Manuscript. Ashmolean Collection, vol. 38, p. 181.
Printed in Halliwell's Life of Shakespeare, p. 186.*

[I print "sloe thing" as my own reading of the MS., and that of Dr. Neubauer, the accomplished vice-librarian at the Bodleian, who has kindly looked at it for me. That he was slow was a common accusation against Jonson (see *e. g.* before, p. 247). Dr. Ingleby would read "shoe"; I accordingly leave his note as it stands. L. T. S.]

Mr. Halliwell misprints "slow thing" for "shoe thing": *shoe* is the early orthography of *show* (see *ante*, p. 10). "A shoe thing" meant a player (q. d. a poor thing that lives by show). According to this view, "shoe thing" (show-thing), like "Shake-scene," is a neologism, and a term of reproach and contempt. Both coinages, then, bear witness to the low estate of the actor before the Restoration. John Davies' *Microcosmos* (from which we have given an extract on p. 58) was published in the same year as the first quarto edition of *Hamlet*, when, one may suppose, the player was at his lowest. Davies thus comments on the mixture of pride and baseness exhibited in such an one—

" Good *God!* that ever *pride* should stoope so low,
That is by nature so exceeding hie :
Base *pride*, didst thou thy selfe, or others know,
Wouldst thou in *harts* of Apish *Actors* lie,
That for a *Cue* wil sel their *Qualitie* ?
Yet they through thy perswasion (being strong)
Doe weene they merit *immortality*,
Onely because (forsooth) they use their *Tongue*,
To speake as they are taught, or right or *wronge*.

If *pride* ascende the *stage* (ð base ascent)
 Al men may see her, for nought comes thereon
 But to be seene, and where *Vice* should be shent,
 Yea, made most odious to ev'ry one,
 In blazing her by demonstration
 Then *pride* that is more then most vicious,
 Should there endure open damnation,
 And so shee doth, for shee's most odious
 In *Men* most base, that are ambitious."

Microcosmos, &c. 1603. [4to.] Sig. Ff 3. pp. 214-15.

Mr. Halliwell writes,

"The conclusion of the first line of the epitaph should probably be 'that was *one's son,*' for in an early MS. common-place book I have seen the following lines :—

B. Johnson in seipsum,—
 Heere lies Johnson,
 Who was ones sonne :
 Hee had a little hayre on his chin,
 His name was Benjamin !"

Life of Shakespeare. 1848. p. 186.

ROBERT BARON, 1650.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.

Fortune's Tennis-Ball.

Like him that toar from Love-sick
Love her Love.

This fate (Woods mutter) he deserv'd,
hunting there,

When *Venus* would be's Parke, if he
her Deere (*St.* 6).

Finding their balefull foe so grim and
curst,

They all strain court'sie which should
cope him first (*St.* 17).

The airy Queen (sounds child) each
yell replies

As if another chase were in the
skies (*St.* 18).

* * * The Hounds are at a
Bay (*St.* 20).

Shaking their eares, tatter'd and
torne with scratches,

Their stiff tailles 'gainst the grasse
they clap and beat (*St.* 21).

A mantle of green Velvet (wrought
to wonder)

Her maidens o'r her curious limbes
did cast,

It over her shoulder went, and under
grass,

Her right Arm ; on her breast it was
made fast

With claspes of radiant Diamons,
now as

A Dazie shew'd she, in a field of
grasse (*St.* 175).

Venus and Adonis.

And now the happy season once
more fits

That love-sick Love by pleading
may be blest (*l.* 328).

I'll be a park, and thou shalt be my
deer (*ll.* 231, 239).

Finding their enemy to be so curst
They all strain courtesy who shall

cope him first (*l.* 888).

Then do they spend their mouths :
Echo replies,

As if another chase were in the
skies (*l.* 695).

By this, she hears the hounds are at
a bay (*l.* 877).

Clapping their proud tails to the
ground below,

Shaking their scratch'd ears, bleeding
as they go (*l.* 923).

Lucrece.

Without the bed her other fair hand
was

On the green coverlet ; whose perfect
white

Show'd like an April daisy on the
grass,

With pearly sweat, resembling dew
of night (*l.* 393).

So *Falstaffe* triumph'd o'r *Hotspur's* stiffe clay ;
But, what cannot resist is Asses prey.

Fortune's Tennis-Ball, St. 232.

To Sir *Iohn Falstaffe*

Thou think'st Sack makes men fat, faith't makes them leane
If they drink much of 't, 'gainst the wall I mean.

Epigrams, 21, p. 129

Pocula Castalia : [containing] *The Authors Motto* ; *Fortune's Tennis-Ball* ; *Eliza* ; *Poems* ; *Epigrams*. By R. B. Gen. 1650.

[Baron's *Fortune's Tennis-Ball* is founded on the story of the Emperor and the Forester's Son in the *Gesta Romanorum* (Sir F. Madden's edition for the Roxburghe Club, 1838, p. 164) ; which also may have been in Shakespere's mind when he made the King compass Hamlet's death by sending him to England with treacherous letters (Act III, sc. iii ; Act IV, sc. iii). Baron owed much to Shakespere's influence, for, besides what may be the coincidence of his having taken the motto from Ovid to *Venus and Adonis* for his collection called *Pocula Castalia*, *Fortune's Tennis-Ball* is full of words and phrases caught from the remembrance of *Venus and Adonis* and *Lucrece*, in the earlier portion of the poem which relates the boar-hunt. In the description of the marriage he has followed another master, Ben Jonson. Dr. Brinsley Nicholson has taken some pains to seek out the numerous parallels of which we here give specimens. L. T. S.]

ANTHONY DAVENPORT, 1650.

See how the Learned shades do meet,
 And like Ærial shadows fleet,
 More in number then were spide
 To flock 'bout the *Dulichian* Guide.
 The first, *Museus*, then *Catullus*,
 Then *Naso*, *Flaccus*, and *Tibullus* ;
 Then *Petra[r]ch*, *Sydney*, none can move
Shakespeare out of *Adonis* Grove,
 There sullenly he sits ; but these
 Admire thy novell Rhapsodies.
 Dear Friend, which ever shall subsist,
 Spight of *Oblivion's* hiding-mist.

Verses prefixed to the Loves of Amandus and Sophronia.
By Samuel Sheppard. 1650. [8vo.]

[Davenport here intends the highest praise to the *Venus and Adonis* ;
 Shakespere sits alone, none can come near him in the grove of Adonis. Other
 amatory poets show their admiration for Sheppard, but Shakespere, the
 chief of all, sole in that grove, holds aloof. *Sullenly* is here used in its older
 meaning, drawn from the Fr. *solein*, i. e. sole, alone. Compare Sheppard's
 own use of "sole," after, third line of p. 287. Mr. Bullen of the British
 Museum, and Dr. Richard Morris, concur in this interpretation. L. T. S.]

SIR NICHOLAS L'ESTRANGE, 1650-55.

Shake-speare was Godfather to one of Ben : Johnsons children, and after the christning being in a deepe study, Johnson came to cheere him up, and askt him why he was so Melancholy? no faith Ben : (sayes he) not I, but I have beene considering a great while what should be the fittest gift for me to bestow upon my God-child, and I have resolv'd at last; I pry'the what, sayes he? I faith Ben : I'le e'en give him a douzen good Lattin Spooones, and thou shalt translate them.

Merry Passages and Feasts. No. 11. Harleian Manuscript 6395, leaf 2. First printed in Capell's Notes on Shakespeare, Vol. I, Part II, pp. 93, 94.

It has been inferred from L'Estrange's authority for this anecdote that he had derived it from Dr. John Donne. At the end of the MS. (fos. 89—91) is a list of authorities for 603 of the anecdotes (there being a few additional ones for whom no names are given). In this we find that No. 4 is referred to "Mr. Dunn," Nos. 11 and 12 to "Mr. Dun:" (where the : is doubtless—as in all other cases—a sign of abbreviation); Nos. 26, 56, and others to "Mr. Donne." One of the authorities is Captain Duncomb: whence it would appear that "Dun:" may be an abbreviation of *Duncomb*. Dr. John Donne is not mentioned at all.

[Sir Nicholas was the elder brother of the famous Sir Roger L'Estrange. (See notices of the family prefixed to *Anecdotes and Traditions*, edited for the Camden Society by W. J. Thoms, 1839.) L. T. S.]

SAMUEL SHEPPARD, 1651.

To Mr. Davenport on his Play called the Pirate.

Make all the cloth you can, haste, haste away, [Set all the
canvass.]
 The Pirate will o'retake you if you stay:
 Nay, we will yeeld our selves, and this confesse,
 Thou Rival'ft *Shakespeare*, though thy glory's leffe

Epigrams Theological, Philosophical, and Romantick.
Six Books, &c., with other Select Poems. 1651.
 [sm. 8vo.] Book 2. *Epig.* 19. p. 27.

SAMUEL SHEPPARD, 1651.

*On Mr. Davenants most excellent Tragedy of
Albovine k[ing] of [the] Lombards.*

Shakespeares Othello, Johnsons Cataline,
Would lose the their luster, were thy *Albovine*
Placed betwixt them, and as when the Sunne,
Doth whirling in his fiery Chariot runne,
All other lights burn dim, so this thy play,
Shall be accepted as the Sun-shine day :
While other witts (like Tapers) onely seems
Good in the want of thy Refulgent beames.
This Tragedy (let who list dare dissent)
Shall be thy everlasting Monument.

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SAMUEL SHEPPARD, 1651.

In Memory of our Famous Shakespeare.

1.

Sacred Spirit, whiles thy *Lyre*
 Ecchoed o're the *Arcadian* Plaines,
 Even *Apollo* did admire,
Orpheus wondered at thy Straines.

2.

Plautus Sigh'd, *Sophocles* wept
 Teares of anger, for to heare
 After they so long had slept,
 So bright a *Genius* should appeare :

3.

Who wrote his Lines with a Sunne-beane,
 More durable then Time or Fate,
 Others boldly do Blaspheeme,
 Like those that seeme to Preach, but prate.

4.

Thou wert truly Priest Elect,
 Chosen darling to the Nine,
 Such a Trophy to erect
 (By thy wit and skill Divine)

5.

That were all their other Glories
 (Thine excepted) torn away,
 By thy admirable Stories,
 Their garments ever shall be gay.

6.

Where thy honoured bones do lie
(As *Stattus* once to *Maro's Urne*)
Thither every year will I
Slowly tread, and fadly mourn.

Epigrams Theological, Philosophical, and Romantick. Six Books, &c., with other Select Poems. 1651. [sm. 8vo.] Book 6, Epig. 17, pp. 150, 152, and 154. [Should be pp. 154, 155, 156, but there is some mis-paging.]

The first line of the second verse almost requires us to read "Sophócles."
The lyric, as a whole, is very weak : but it has one good line—the last.

SAMUEL SHEPHARD, 1651.

With him * contemporary then
 (As *Naso*, and fam'd *Maro*, when
 Our sole Redeemer took his birth)
Shakespeare trod on *English* earth,
 His Muse doth merit more rewards
 Then all the *Greek* or *Latine* Bards,
 What flowd from him, was purely rare,
 As born to blesse the *Theater* :
 He first refin'd the *Commick Lyre*,
 His Wit all do, and shall admire,
 The chiefest glory of the Stage,
 Or when he sung of war and *strage*,¹
Melpomene soon viewd the globe,
 Invelop'd in her sanguine Robe,
 He that his worth would truly sing,
 Must quaffe the whole *Pierian* spring.

[* Ben Jonson.]

* * * * *
 Two happy wits, late brightly shone,
 The true sonnes of *Hyperion*,
Fletcher, and *Beaumont*, who so wrot,
Johnsons Fame was soon forgot,
Shakespeare no glory was allow'd,
 His Sun quite shrunk beneath a Cloud.

Epigrams Theological, &c., with other Select Poems, 1651.
Third Pastora!, pp. 249, 250, 251.

¹ [Strage, *i.e.* slaughter. Compare, —
 "I have not dreaded famine, fire, nor strage."

Webster's *Appius and Virginia*, Act V. sc. iii.
 Dyce's edition, p. 179. P. A. Daniel.]

WILLIAM BELL, 1651.

To the Memory of Mr. William Cartwright.

How had we lost both Mint, and Coyn too, were
 That salvage love still fashionable here,
 To sacrifice upon the Funerall Wood
 All, the deceas'd had er held deer and good!
 We would bring all our speed, to ranfome thine
 With *Don's* rich Gold, and *Johnson's* silver Mine;
 Then to the pile add all that *Fletcher* writ,
 Stamp'd by thy Character a currant Wit:
Suckling's Ore, with *Sherley's* small mony, by
Heywoods old Iron, and *Shakespear's* Alchemy.

*Prefixed to Wm. Cartwright's Comedies, Tragi-comedies, and
 Poems. 1651. [sm. 8vo.]*

JASPER MAYNE, 1651.

To the deceased Author of these Poems.

For thou to Nature had'st joyn'd Art and skill,
In Thee *Ben Johnson* still held *Shakespear's* Quill :
A Quill, rul'd by sharp Judgement, and such Laws,
As a well studied Mind, and Reason draws.

*Prefixed to Wm. Cartwright's Comedies, Tragi-comedies, and
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Anonymous, 1651.

Poeta is her *Minion*, to whom she [Eloquentia] resigns the whole government of her Family. * * *Ovid* she makes *Major-domo*. *Homer* because a merry Greek, Master of the Wine-Cellars. *Aretine* (for his skill in Postures) growing old, is made Pander. *Shack-Spear*, Butler. *Ben Johnson*, Clark of the Kitchin, *Fenner* his Turn-spit, And *Taylor* his Scullion.

A Hermeticall Banquet, drest by a Spagiricall Cook: for the better Preservation of the Microcosme. 1652. [12mo.]
p. 35.

[This little book was dedicated by its author as an offering for the New Year, 1652, to Sir Isaac Wake, English ambassador to Savoy and Piedmont, to whom he was physician. L. T. S.]

Here are associated, Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Fenner, and John Taylor. In *Certaine Elegies, &c.*, by H. Fitzgeoffrey, 1620 [sign. A 8, back], we have

“Taylor the Ferriman.

Fenner with his Unisounding Eare word;”

whatever that may mean. (Collier's *Hist. of Dramat. Poetry*, iii. 388.) The association of Taylor and Fenner was due to their wit-combats in 1615. See, *Taylor's Revenge* against *Fenner*, and *A cast over the Water to William Fenner*. *Taylor's Works*. 1630. pp. 142, 155. [Fo.]

J. S., 1651.

The true and primary intent of the Tragedians and Commedians of old, was to magnifie Virtue, and to deprefs Vice; And you may observe throughout the *Works* of incomparable *Johnson*, excellent *Shakefpear*, and elegant *Fletcher*, &c., they (however vituperated by some streight-laced brethren not capable of their sublimity,) aim at no other end.

An excellent Comedy, called, the Prince of Priggs revels: or, the Practices of that grand Thief Captain James Hind, relating Divers of his Pranks and Exploits, never heretofore published by any. Repleat with various Conceits, and Tarltonian Mirth, suitable to the Subject. 1651. [4to.] Address "To the Reader."

This mention of Shakespeare was communicated to the *Athenæum* (September 19, 1874) by its discoverer, Mr. George Bullen, the courteous Keeper of Printed Books at the British Museum, to whom we are indebted for valuable aid in our search for extracts. From the *Athenæum* notice we take the following remarks:—

"This being a comedy, so called, and by J. S., one is at first inclined to think that it was most likely written by James Shirley; but upon examination, it will be seen not to bear any traces of Shirley's style. It is, in fact, more in the nature of a *droll*, such as those published by Kirkman in 1673, —'The Wits or sport upon sport,'—as specimens of the mutilated sort of stage-plays that were exhibited by stealth during the time (1642-60) in which stage-plays were prohibited by ordinance of the Lords and Commons. Although in five acts, the play is very brief, containing only fourteen pages altogether. The hero of it, Capt. Hinde, a famous highwayman, was said, at the time when it was published, to have accompanied Charles the Second in his wanderings after the Battle of Worcester, and to have actually escorted the Prince and Wilmot to London itself. At least, so it was put forth, but with no ground of truth, in the newspapers of the time. In accordance with

this belief, Charles the Second is introduced as one of the characters in the play, under the title of the 'King of Scots.' This is almost conclusive against the supposition that Shirley, who was a devoted Cavalier, was the author of the piece, as he would scarcely have deemed it respectful to his sovereign to introduce him as the companion of a notorious highwayman. Moreover, Dyce, in his edition of Shirley, takes no notice of this piece, although he took pains to collect everything that might fairly be attributed to his author. Hinde was afterwards hung, drawn, and quartered, not for his highway robberies, but for his high treason, and there are some verses upon him, 'by a poet of his own time,' inserted in Johnson's 'Lives of the Highwaymen,' which remind one strongly of Wordsworth's lines on Rob Roy."

THOMAS RANDOLPH, 1651.

Carion. Without thee (*Plutus*) the Lawyer would not go to
London on any Terms

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Chremylus. Did not *Will Summers* break his wind for thee?
And *Shakespeare* therefore writ his Comedy?
All things acknowledge thy vast power divine,
(Great God of Money) whose most powerful shine
Gives motion, life.

Act I. Sc. ii. p. 6.

Blephidemus. What creature is this with the Red-oker face?
She looks as if she were begot by Marking-stones.

Chr. By stones sure: 'tis some *Erynnis* that is broke loose
from the Tragedy.

Blep. By *Jeronymo*, her looks are as terrible as *Don Andrea*
or the Ghost in *Hamlet*.

Act II. Sc. iv. p. 14.

Caron. To be rich is the daintiest pleasure in the world;
especially to grow rich without ventring the danger of *Tiburn* or
Whipping. Every Cupbord is full of Custards, the Hogsheds
replenished with sparkling Sacks • • The Kitchen and Buttery
is entire Ivory, the very purity of the Elephants tooth. The
Sinke is paved with the rich Rubies, and incomparable Carbuncles
of *Sir John Oldcastle's* Nose.

Act IV. Sc. i. p. 28.

A pleasant Comedie, Hey for Honesty, Down with Knavery.
Translated out of Aristophanes his Plutus. Augmented
and Published by F. J. 1651.

[Randolph died in March 1634, at the age of twenty-nine; *Hey for Honesty*, however, does not appear to have seen the light till some years later, in 1651, when it was "augmented and published by F. J." I therefore place it under the later date; though what share F. J. had in the play beyond "the setting forth of" it does not appear.

In Randolph's opinion it was by his comedies that Shakespere prospered and grew rich.

Jeronymo, the First Part; with the Wars of Portugal and the Life and Death of Don Andrea, was an anonymous tragedy first printed in 1605, but supposed to have been acted about 1588: Thomas Kyd wrote *The Spanish Tragedy, or Hieronymo is mad again*, which came out in 1603; in both the Ghost of Don Andrea appears, referred to above by Randolph, and by John Gee, before, p. 160. Professor Dowden, who kindly pointed out these passages in *Hey for Honesty*, thinks from his coupling the "Ghost in Hamlet" with the Jeronymo-Ghost, "and from the fact of there being some other somewhat antiquated references" in the play, that Randolph means the old Hamlet-ghost, in the old pre-Shakesporean play to which Lodge refers in *Wil's Miserie and the World's Madnesse*, 1596, p. 56, where he speaks of "the Visard of y^e ghost which cried so miserably at y^e Theator, like an oyster wife, 'Hamlet, revenge.'"

In the third extract, it is noticeable that the name of Oldcastle should have lingered so long, Falstaff being apparently intended. See before, p. 269. (It was, however, Bardolph who had the red nose.)

Mr. Daniel suggests that "Whipping" is a misprint for *Wapping*, that place having been "the usual Place of Execution for hanging of Pirates and Sea-Rovers", and frequently referred to in the old drama, he thinks the coupling of Tyburn and Wapping most probable here. See W. C. Hazlitt's edition of *Dodsley*, 1875, vol. xi. p. 188. L. T. S.]

JO. TATHAM, 1652.

There is a Faction (Friend) in Town, that cries,
 Down with the *Dagon-Poet*, *Johnson* dies.
 His Works were too elaborate, not fit
 To come within the Verge, or face of *Wit*.
Beaumont and *Fletcher* (they say) perhaps, might
 Passè (well) for currant Coin, in a dark night :
 But *Shakespeare* the *Plebean* Driller, was
 Founder'd in 's *Pericles*, and must not pass.
 And so, at all men flie, that have but been
 Thought worthy of Applause; therefore, their spleen.
 Ingratefull *Negro-kinde*, dart you your Rage
 Against the Beams that warm'd you, and the Stage !

Commendatory verses prefixed to A Joviall Crew: or The Merry Beggars, by Richard Brome. Presented &c. in the year 1641. 1652. [4to.]

Of course it is the faction opposed to Tatham who thus denounces Jonson, Beaumont, Fletcher, and Shakespeare. As to Shakespeare being "founder'd in 's *Pericles*," the libel is disproved by the extract from *Pimlyco* and that from *The Hog hath lost his Pearl* (pp. 89 and 107). But Owen Feltham's testimony (p. 180) may be taken for the fact that the Gower interlude and the brothel-scenes in *Pericles* had scandalised, and caused "deep displeasure" to, the friends of public morality.

ALEXANDER BROME, 1653.

But in Epistles of this nature, something is usually begg'd ; and I would do so too, but, I vow, am puzzled, *what*. 'Tis not *acceptance*, for then youle expect I should *give* it; 'tis not *Money*, for then I shou'd loose my *labour*; 'tis not *praise*, for the *Author* bid me tell you, that, now he is dead, he is of *Falstaff's* minde, and cares not for *Honour*; 'tis not *pardon*, for that supposes a fault, which (I beleeve) you cannot finde.

Five New Plays by Richard Brome. 1653. [4to.] (To the Readers.)

[On Falstaff's honour see note, before, p. 127. That Falstaff's name continued as a household word through this century we have another proof in 1684, when, at Lady Ivy's trial, in answer to the Solicitor General's request for leave to question a witness whom he thought mistaken, Lord C. J. Jefferies exclaimed "Mistaken! yes I assure you very grossly. Ask him what questions you will; but if he should swear as long as Sir John Falstaff fought, I would never believe a word he says." (Cobbett's *State Trials*, Vol. 10, p. 570.) L. T. S.]

SIR ASTON COKAIN, 1653.

Judicious *Beaumont*, and th' Ingenious Soule
 Of *Fletcher* too may move without controule.
Shakespeare (most rich in *Humours*) entertaine
 The crowded *Theaters* with his happy veine.
Davenant and *Maffinger*, and *Sherley*, then
 Shall be cry'd up againe for Famous men.

Five New Playes, by RICHARD BROME, 1653 [4to]
 (A *Praludium* to Mr. RICHARD BROME'S *Playes*).
 Also included in *Cokain's Small Poems, 1658. [12mo.]*
 Pp. 108-9.

SIR WILLIAM DUGDALE, 1653.

Shakespeares and John Combes Monum^{ts}, at Stratford sup
Avon, made by one Gerard Johnson.

*Sir Wm. Dugdale's Diary. The first entry in 1653. Printed
in The Life, Diary, and Correspondence of Sir Wm. Dugdale,
edited by Wm. Hamper. 1827. p. 99.*

For an account of Shakespeare's monument and tombstone, with plates,
see Dugdale's *Antiquities of Warwickshire*.

In an Appendix, Hamper printed "Certificates returned in Aprill and
May 1593, of all the Strangers Forreiners abiding in London," among which
is one for Garratt Johnson, whence it appears that he was "a Hollander, born
at Amsterdam, a Tombe maker," 26 years resident in London (pp. 510,
512).

EDMUND GAYTON, 1654.

So when our Don at his long home is anchor'd,
 His memory in a *Manchegan* Tankard :
 By the old Wives will be kept up, that's all,
 Counted the merriest, toffeth up the same.
 (*John Falstaff's Windsor Dames* memoriall)
 A Goddard or an Anniversary Spice-Bowle,
 (Drank off by th' Gollips, e'r you can have thrice told)
 And a God rest his soule. (p. 195.)

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[Note upon Don Quixotes sword]

The Whineard of the house of *Shrewsberry* is not like it, nor
 the two-handed Fox of *John Falstaffe*, which hewed in sunder
 fourteen out of seven principall assaylants, and left eighth and
 twentie equally divided bodies in the Field, all slain while
Shrewsberrie clock could stricke seven ; (of the men you must
 take in). (p. 87.)

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The Knight that fought byth' clock at *Shrewsberry*. (p. 183.)

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Sir John of famous memory ; not he of the *Boares-Head in East-
 cheap*. (p. 277.)

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Let English men write of their owne wits, fancies, subjects,
 disputes, sermons, Histories, Romancees are as good, vigorous,
 lasting, and as well worthy the reading, as any in the world.
 Our *Fairy Queen*, the *Arcadia*, *Drayton*, *Beaumont* and *Fletcher*,
Shakespeare, *Johnson*, *Rondolph*, and lastly, *Gondibert*, are of
 eternall fame. (p. 21.)

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[Addressing Saicho Panza]

“ What makes thee shake, what makes thy teeth to chatter?
 Art thou afraight or frighted? what's the matter?
 Thou mak'ft me tremble at thy flesh-quake, *Pancha*,
 Look on thy *Don*, the *Shake-speare* of the *Mancha*,
 Whose chiefe defence I am: The undertaker
 Of all Heroick Actions, though a shaker.” (p. 95.)

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 “ Our nation also hath had its Poets, and they their wives: To
 passe the bards: Sir *Jeffery Chaucer* liv'd very honestly at
 Woodstock, with his Lady, (the house yet remaining), and wrote
 against the vice most wittily, which Wedlocke refraines. My
 Father *Ben* begate sonnes and daughters; so did *Spencer*, *Drayton*,
Shakespeare, and more might be reckoned, who doe not only
 word it, and end in airy *Sylvia's*, *Galathea's*, *Aglaura's*:—

“ —sed de virtute locuti,
 Clunem agitant” (p. 150.)

• • • • •
 His fabulous stories she adores,
 As *Defdemona* did the *Moors*. (p. 280.)

• • • • •
 Sancho had been *Fluellin* in this scuffle, (the pillage of such
 battels, alwaies belonging to him) &c. (p. 284.)

Pleasant Notes upon Don Quixot. By Edmund Gayton, Esq., 1654.

[Mr. Elliott Browne has pointed out several of these allusions to
 Shakespere (*Notes and Queries*, 5 Series, III, 161), and Mr. Roberts of
 Boston has kindly called my attention to some others. Besides those
 above, see p. 16, where “the trance of the Cobler (drunk into the believe)
 that he was a Lord,” may refer to Sly (*Taming of the Shrew*, Induction);
 pp. 48-9, a dissertation upon Noses, in which Bardolph and Sir John
 Oldcastle are named; and p. 78, “A Tragick-Comedie of Errors.” For
 other examples of the play upon the word Shake-spear, see before, p. 247.
 The last extract above seems to refer to *Henry V*, Act IV, scenes vii and
 viii. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1655.

Know-well. Upon a rainy day, or when you have nought else to do, you may read Sir *Walter Raleigh*, Lord *Bacons* Natural History, the Holy Warre, and *Browns* Vulgar Errors. You may find too some stories in the English *Eusebius*, and the Book of Martyrs, to hold discourse with the Parson on a Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Love-wit. Sometimes to your wife you may read a piece of *Shak-speare*, *Suckling*, and *Ben. Johnson* too, if you can understand him.

Know. You may read the *Scout*, and *Weekly Intelligence*, and talk politickly after it. And if you get some smattering in the Mathematicks, it would not be amisse, the Art of dyalling, or to set your clock by the quadrant, and Geography enough to measure your own land.

The Hectors ; or, the False Challenge. [A comedy.] Written in the year MDCLV. 1656. p. 50. (*Notes and Queries* : 5th S. Vol. I. 304.)

SAMUEL HOLLAND, 1656.

The fire of Emulation burnt fiercely in every angle of this Paradise; the Brittish Bards (forsooth) were also engaged in quarrel for Superiority; and who think you, threw the Apple of Discord amongst them, but *Ben Jonson*, who had openly vaunted himself the first and best of English Poets; this Brave was resented by all with the highest indignation, for *Chaucer* (by most there) was esteemed the Father of English Poesie, whose onely unhappiness it was, that he was made for the time he lived in, but the time not for him: *Chapman* was wondrously exasperated at *Bens* boldness, and scarce refrained to tell (his own *Tale of a Tub*) that his *Isabel* and *Mortimer* was now compleated by a Knighted Poet, whose soul remained in Fleth; hereupon *Spencer* (who was very busie in finishing his *Fairy Queen*) thrust himself amid the throng, and was received with a showt by *Chapman*, *Harrington*, *Owen*, *Constable*, *Daniel*, and *Drayton*, so that some thought the matter already decided; but behold *Shakespeare* and *Fletcher* (bringing with them a strong party) appeared, as if they meant to water their Bayes with blood, rather then part with their proper Right, which indeed *Apollo* and the Muses (had with much justice) conferr'd upon them, so that now there is like to be a trouble in Triplex; *Skelton*, *Gower* and the Monk of *Bury* were at Daggers-drawing for *Chaucer*: *Spencer* waited upon by a numerous Troop of the best Book-men in the World: *Shakespeare* and *Fletcher* surrounded with their Life-Guard viz. *Goffe*, *Maffinger*, *Decker*, *Welster*, *Sucklin*, *Cartwright*, *Carew*, &c.

Don Zara del Fogo. A Mock-Romance. London. 1656.
[8vo.] *Book II, chapter iv, pp. 101, 102.*

The scene of this part of this strange romance is laid in Elysium, where the poets take sides with *Chaucer*, *Spenser*, *Shakespeare* and *Fletcher* against the arrogant self-assertion of *Ben Jonson*.

ABRAHAM COWLEY, 1656.

At my return lately into England, I met by great accident * * a *Book* entituled, *The Iron Age*, and published under my name, during the time of my absence * * * I esteem myself less prejudiced by it, then by that which has been done to me, since almost in the same kinde, which is, the publication of some things of mine without my consent or knowledge, and those so mangled & imperfect, that I could neither with honor acknowledge, nor with honesty quite disavow them. * * * From this which had hapned to my self, I began to reflect upon the fortune of almost all *Writers*, and especially *Poets*, whose *Works* (commonly printed after their deaths) we finde stuffed out, either with *counterfeit pieces*, like *false money* put in to fill up the *Bag*, though it adde nothing to the *sum*; or with such, which though of their own *Coyn*, they would have called in themselves, for the baseness of the *Allay*: whether this proceed from the indiscretion of their *Friends*, who think a vast *heap* of Stones or Rubbish a better *Monument*, then a little *Tomb* of *Marble*, or by the unworthy avarice of some *Stationers*, who are content to diminish the value of the *Author*, so they may encrease the price of the *Book*; and like *Vintners* with sophisticate mixtures, spoil the whole vessel of wine, to make it yield more *profit*. This has been the case with *Shakespear*, *Fletcher*, *Johnson*, and many others; part of whose *Poems* I should take the boldness to prune and lop away, if the care of replanting them in print did belong to me; neither would I make any scruple to cut off from some the unnecessary yong *Suckers*, and from others the old withered *Branches*; for a *great Wit* is no more tyed to live in a *Vast Volume*, then in a *Gigantic Body*; on the contrary, it is commonly more vigorous, the less space it animates.

Poems. 1656. [fol.] *Author's Preface, first leaf.*

RICHARD LIGON, 1657.

Dinner being neere halfe done * * in comes an old fellow,
 * * and plaide us for a Noveltie, The *Passame fares galiard* ;
 a tune in great esteeme, in Harry the fourths dayes ; for when
 Sir *John Falstaff* makes his Amours to Mistresse *Doll Tear-sheet*,
Sneake and his Companie, the admired fiders of that age, playes
 this tune, which put a thought into my head, that if time and
 tune be the Compofts of Muficke, what a long time this tune
 had in sayling from *England* to this place.

*A true and exact History of the Island of Barbados. By
 Richard Ligon Gent. 1657. p. 12.*

[The place where Ligon and his friends were thus entertained at dinner was St. Iago, one of the Cape Verd Isles. The *galliard* he heard was a favourite dance tune, the galliard being a dance, answering somewhat to the Minuet de la Cour of later times, stately and slow in its movements, suited to the stiff farthingales and wired ruffs of the reign of the Maiden Queen ; it had its day between about 1565 and 1603, being essentially an Elizabethan, not a Jacobean dance. The special tune recognized by Ligon is not now easy to identify ; Mr. Ebsworth suggests that it may have been the *Passan Pavon* galliard (from pavo, a peacock, the strutting or jetting motions of which were sometimes imitated. Had not the old tune-maker some sly satire in thus christening his tune ?). This Galliard was well known before 1602. *Sares* seems to be a mistake for fares,—it was a common error to confuse the long s and the f,—fare=fayre=fair, a lady. The whole title then may read, “The Peacock Ladies Galliard,” just as we now might say “The Lancers’ Quadrilles” ; and Ligon, who must have seen the Second Part of *Hen. IV.* performed, and thus incidentally informs us what tune was performed on the stage by “Sneak’s noise” (Act II. sc. iv.)—before the civil wars—was not careful to remember to what period the music really belonged. In his mind it was connected with Harry the Fourth. Two galliard tunes are given in *National English Airs*, by W. Chappell, 1840 ; see vol. ii., pp. 50, 194.

“Noise” was the technical term for a quartette band which would play dance tunes ; hence Ligon’s “admired fiders.” Compare Thomas Decker’s description of “those terrible noises (with thrid bare cloakes) that live by red lattises and Ivy-bushes, having authoritie to thrust into any mans roome, onely speaking but this, ‘Will you have any musique?’” (*The Belman of London*, 1608, sign. C.) L. T. S.]

SIR ASTON COKAIN, 1658.

To my worthy, and learned Friend Mr. *William Dugdale*, upon
his *Warwickshire Illustrated*.

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Now *Stratford* upon *Avon*, we would choofe
Thy gentle and ingenuous *Shakespeare* Mufe,
(Were he among the living yet) to raife
T' our Antiquaries merit some juſt praiſe :
And ſweet-tongu'd *Drayton* (that hath given renown
Unto a poor (before) and obſcure town,
Harfull) were he not fal'n into his tombe,
Would crown this work with an Encomium.
Our *Warwick-ſhire* the Heart of *England* is,
As you moſt evidently have prov'd by this ;
Having it with more ſpirit dignifi'd,
Then all our *Engliſh* Counties are beſide.

Small Poems of Divers Sorts. 1658. [*sm. 8vo.*] p. 111-112.

[Michael Drayton was born at Harshull or Hartshill, a rural hamlet near
Atherstone, in Warwickshire, in 1563. L. T. S.]

SIR ASTON COKAIN, 1658.

To Mr. John Honyman.

On hopefull youth, and let thy happy strain
 Redeem the Glory of the Stage again :
 Lessen the Los of *Shakespeares* death by thy
 Successful Pen, and fortunate phantasie.
 He did not onely write but act ; And so
 Thou dost not onely act, but writest too :
 Between you there no difference appears
 But what may be made up with equal years.
 This is my Suffrage, and I scorn my Pen
 Should crown the heads of undeserving men.

Small Poems of Divers Sorts. 1658. [sm. 8vo.] *Epigrams,*
Book I, Epig. 10, p. 140-141.

SIR ASTON COKAIN, 1658.

To Mr. Clement Fisher of Wincott.

Shakspeare your *Wincot-Ale* hath much renownd,
 That fo'xd a Beggar fo (by chance was found
 Sleeping) that there needed not many a word
 To make him to believe he was a Lord :
 But you affirm (and in it seem most eager)
 'Twill make a Lord as drunk as any Beggar.
 Bid *Norton* brew such Ale as *Shakspeare* fancies
 Did put *Kit Sly* into such Lordly trances :
 And let us meet there (for a fit of Gladness)
 And drink our felves merry in sober sadness.

Small Poems of Divers Sorts. 1658. [sm. 8vo.] Book
 II, Epig. 69, p. 224 [mispaged 124].

Cokain alludes, of course, to the *Induction* of *The Taming of the Shrew* : naturally so, if, as appears, the scene of that is Wincot, or Wilnecote. See *Sly's* third speech, *Induction* : sc. 2.

Anonymous, 1658.

There are a fort who think they lessen this *Author's* worth when they speak the relation he had to *Ben. Johnson*. We very thankfully embrace the Objection, and desire they would name any other Master that could better teach a man to write a good Play * * * we have here prefixt *Ben Johnson's* own testimony to his Servant our *Author*; we grant it is (according to *Ben's* own nature and custome) magisterial enough; and who looks for other, since he said to *Shakespear*—*I shall draw envy on thy name* (by writing in his praise) and threw in his face—*small Latine and lefs Greek*;

Five New Playes, by Richard Brome. (To the Readers.) 1658-9. [8vo.]

[The Stationers, in this address *To the Readers*, call attention to Jonson's verses on Brome, which begin "To my old Faithful Servant, and (by his continu'd vertue) my loving Friend, the Author of this work, Mr. Rich. Brome" L. T. S.]

See our remarks on p. 151. Perhaps, however, this writer takes Jonson to mean, as regards Shakespere,

"I am so ample to your book and fame, that I may make others envious of you, for the honour of my encomium, who am usually so sparing of praise: but I do not write with that object."

SAMUEL AUSTIN, 1658.

If I may gueſs at Poets in our Land,
 Thou beat'ſt them all above, and under hand ;

To thee compar'd, our English Poets all ſtop,
 An vail their Bonnets, even *Shakeſpear's Falſtop*.^{*}
Chaucer the firſt of all was'nt worth a farthing,
Lidgate, and *Huntingdon*, with *Gaffer Harding*.

* It ſhould
 have been
Faſtſtop, if the
 rhyme had
 permitted it.

*Naps upon Parnassus. A ſleepy Muſe nipt and pincht,
 though not awakened. 1658. Sign. B 4, back.*

[The poet here addresses himſelf in a commendatory "Carmen Jocoſorium," under the initials S. W., W. C. C. Oxon. L. T. S.]



SHAKESPEARE'S
CENTURIE OF PRAYSE.



FOURTH PERIOD.

1660—1693.



Anonymous Elegy on R. Lovelace, 1660.

I now concieve the scope of their defigne,
Which is with one consent to bring, and burn
Contributory Incence on his Urn,
Where each mans Love and Fancy shall be try'd,
As when great *Johnfon*, or brave *Shakeſpear* dy'd.

*Elegies Sacred to the Memory of the Author: By several of his
Friends. Collected and Published by D[udley] P[osthumus]
L[ovelace]. 1660, p. 9. (Printed at the end of "Lucasta.
Posthume Poems of Richard Lovelace." 1659.)*

RICHARD FLECKNOE, 1660. *Circa.*

In this time were Poets and Actors in their greatest flourish, *Johnson, Shakespear*, with *Beaumont and Fletcher*, their Poets, and *Field and Burbidge* their Actors.

For Playes, *Shakespear* was one of the first, who inverted the Dramatick Stile, from dull History to quick Comedy, upon whom *Johnson* refin'd; as *Beaumont and Fletcher* first writ in the Heroick way, upon whom *Suckling* and others endeavoured to refine agen; one saying wittily of his *Aglaure*, that 'twas full of fine flowers, but they seem'd rather stuck, then growing there; as another of *Shakespear's* writings, that 'twas a fine Garden, but it wanted weeding.

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To compare our English Dramatick Poets together (without taxing them) *Shakespear* excelled in a natural Vein, *Fletcher* in Wit, and *Johnson* in Gravity and ponderousness of Style; whose onely fault was, he was too elaborate; and had he mixt less erudition with his Playes, they had been more pleasant and delightful then they are. Comparing him with *Shakespear*, you shall see the difference betwixt Nature and Art; and with *Fletcher*, the difference between Wit and Judgement: Wit being an exuberant thing, like *Nilus*, never more commendable then when it overflows; but Judgement a stayed and reposed thing, always containing it self within its bounds and limits.

A Short Discourse of the English Stage, by Richard Flecknoe. Printed at the end of Love's Kingdom, a Pastoral Tragedy-Comedy. 1664. Sign. G 5, 6. [Sm. 8vo.]

SIR RICHARD BAKER, 1660.

Of Men of Note in his Time [Charles I].

Poetry was never more Resplendent, nor never more Graced ; wherein *Johnfon, Silvester, Shakspere, Beaumont, Fletcher, Shirley, Broom, Maffinger, Cartwrite, Randolph, Cleaveland, Quarles, Carew, Davenant, and Sucklin*, not only far excelled their own Countrymen, but the whole World besides.

Sir Richard Baker's Chronicle of England. "Whereunto is now added in this Third Edition the reign of King Charles I." 1660. Bodleian Lib., Douce B. 146. Paris, Bibl. Nationale, Réserve N° 36 A. London, Sion College. P. 503; but should be p. 603, the printer after the true page 504 having counted 405 by mistake and continual.

[The above passage was quite altered in subsequent editions of the chronicle, and many of the names of poets were struck out, among which was Shakespere's.

The first edition of Baker's Chronicle (for an extract from which see before, p. 250) was published in 1643, the second in 1653 with additions by Phillips. It is singular that this third edition of 1660, in which the above passage first occurs, should be rare. After a somewhat extensive search in the libraries of Cambridge, Oxford, London, Dublin, Paris and elsewhere, the copies quoted are the only three that have been found. My thanks are due to my friend Prof. Paul Meyer for his kind assistance herein and collation of the passage. L. T. S.]

SAMUEL PEPYS, 1660—1669.

1660.

October 11.—Here, in the Park, we met with Mr. Salisbury, who took Mr. Creed and me to the Cockpitt to see "The Moore of Venice," which was well done. Burt acted the Moore; by the same token, a very pretty lady that sat by me, called out, to see Desdemona smothered. (Vol. I. p. 198.)

December 5.—After dinner I went to the New Theatre and there I saw "The Merry Wives of Windsor" acted, the humours of the country gentleman and the French doctor very well done, but the rest but very poorly, and Sir J. Falstaffe as bad as any. (p. 226.)

December 31.—In Paul's Church-yard I bought the play of "Henry the Fourth," and so went to the new Theatre and saw it acted; but my expectation being too great, it did not please me, as otherwise I believe it would; and my having a book, I believe did spoil it a little. (p. 234.)

1661.

June 4.—From thence [my Lord Crew's] to the Theatre and saw "Harry the 4th," a good play. (p. 311.)

August 24.—To the Opera, and there saw "Hamlet, Prince of Denmarke," done with scenes very well, but above all, Betterton did the Prince's parts beyond imagination. (p. 342.)

September 11.—Walking through Lincoln's Inn Fields observed at the Opera a new play "Twelfth Night," was acted there, and the King there; so I, against my own mind and

resolution, could not forbear to go in, which did make the play seem a burthen to me, and I took no pleasure at all in it. (p. 352.)

September 25.—To the Theatre, and saw "The Merry Wives of Windsor," ill done. (p. 358.)

November 28.—After an hour or two's talk in divinity with my Lady, Captain Ferrers and Mr. Moore and I to the Theatre, and there saw "Hamlet" very well done. (p. 382.)

1661-2.

March 1.—To the Opera, and there saw "Romeo and Juliet," the first time it was ever acted, but it is a play of itself the worst that ever I heard in my life, and the worst acted that ever I saw these people do, and I am resolved to go no more to see the first time of acting, for they were all of them out more or less. (p. 419.)

1662.

September 29.—To the King's Theatre, where we saw "Midsummer's Night's Dream," which I had never seen before, nor shall ever again, for it is the most insipid ridiculous play that ever I saw in my life. (Vol. II. p. 51.)

1662-3.

January 6.—After dinner to the Duke's House, and there saw "Twelfth-Night" acted well, though it be but a silly play, and not related at all to the name or day. (p. 121.)

1663.

May 28.—By water to the Royall Theatre; but that was so full they told us we could have no room. And so to the Duke's house; and there saw "Hamlett" done, giving us fresh reason never to think enough of Betterton. (p. 224.)

December 10.—To St. Paul's Church Yard, to my bookseller s,
 * * I could not tell whether to lay out my money for books of pleasure, as plays, which my nature was most earnest

in ; but at last, after seeing Chaucer, Dugdale's History of Pauls, Stow's London, Gefner, History of Trent, besides Shakespeare, Jonson, and Beaumont's plays, I at last chose Dr. Fuller's Worthys, the Cabbala or Collections of Letters of State, and a little book, Delices de Hollande, with another little book or two, all of good use or serious pleasure ; and Hudibras, both parts, the book now in greatest fashion for drollery, though I cannot, I confess, see enough where the wit lies. (p. 377.)

December 22.—After dinner abroad with my wife by coach to Westminster, and I perceive the King and Duke and all the Court was going to the Duke's playhouse to see "Henry VIII" acted, which is said to be an admirable play. * * I did not go. (p. 388.)

December 26.—By and by comes in Captain Ferrers to see us, and, among other talke, tells us of the goodness of the new play of "Henry VIII", which makes me think it long till my time is out. (p. 390.)

1663-4.

January 1.—Went to the Duke's house, the first play I have been at these six months, according to my last vowe, and here saw the so much cried-up play of "Henry the Eighth;" which, though I went with resolution to like it, is so simple a thing made up of a great many patches, that, besides the shows and processions in it, there is nothing in the world good or well done. (p. 394.)

1664.

July 7.—Home, calling by the way for my new bookes, viz Sir H. Spillman's "Whole Glossary," "Scapula's Lexicon," and Shakespeare's plays. (Vol III. p. 5.)

November 5.—To the Duke's house to a play, "Macbeth," a pretty good play, but admirably acted. (p. 69.)

1666.

August 20.—To Deptford by water, reading "Othello, Moore of Venice," which I ever heretofore esteemed a mighty good play, but having to lately read "The Adventures of Five Houres," it seems a mean thing. (Vol. IV. p. 56.)

August 29.—To St. James's, and there Sir W. Coventry took Sir W. Pen and me apart, and read to us his answer to the Generall's letter to the King, that he read last night; * * * And then, speaking of the supplies which have been made to this fleet, more than ever in all kinds to any, even that wherein the Duke of York himself was, "Well," says he, "if this will not do, I will say, as Sir J. Falstaffe did to the Prince, 'Tell your father, that if he do not like this let him kill the next Piercy himself.'" (p. 64.)

December 28.—To the Duke's house, and there saw "Macbeth" most excellently acted, and a most excellent play for variety. I had sent for my wife to meet me there, who did come, and after the play was done, I out so soon to meet her at the other door that I left my cloake in the play-house, and while I returned to get it, she was gone out and missed me. I not sorry for it much did go to White Hall, and got my Lord Bellasis to get me into the playhouse; and there, after all staying above an hour for the players, the King and all waiting, which was absurd, saw "Henry the Fifth" well done by the Duke's people, and in most excellent habits, all new vests, being put on but this night. But I sat so high and far off, that I missed most of the words, and sat with a wind coming into my back and neck, which did much trouble me. The play continued till twelve at night; and then up, and a most horrid cold night it was, and frosty, and moonshine. (p. 195.)

1666-7.

January 7.—To the Duke's house, and saw "Macbeth," which though I saw it lately, yet appears a most excellent play

in all respects, but especially in divertisement, though it be a deep tragedy; which is a strange perfection in a tragedy, it being most proper here, and fuitable. (p. 202.)

1667.

April 9.—To the King's house, and there saw "The Taming of a Shrew," which hath some very good pieces in it, but generally is but a mean play; and the best part "Sawny", done by Lacy; and hath not half its life, by reason of the words, I suppose, not being understood, at least by me. (p. 298.)

April 19.—To the play-house, where we saw "Macbeth", which, though I have seen it often, yet is it one of the best plays for a stage, and variety of dancing and musique, that ever I saw. (p. 306.)

August 15.—Sir W. Pen and I to the Duke's house, where a new play. The King and Court there: the house full, and an act begun. And so went to the King's, and there saw "The Merry Wives of Windsor:" which did not please me at all, in no part of it. (p. 468.)

October 16.—To the Duke of York's house; * * and I was vexed to see Young who is but a bad actor at best act Macbeth in the room of Betterton, who, poor man! is sick: but Lord! what a prejudice it wrought in me against the whole play, and every body else agreed in disliking this fellow. Thence home, and there find my wife gone home; because of this fellow's acting of the part, she went out of the house again. (Vol. V. p. 57.)

November 1.—My wife and I to the King's playhouse, and there saw a silly play and an old one, "The Taming of a Shrew." (p. 83.)

November 2.—To the King's playhouse, and there saw "Henry the Fourth;" and, contrary to expectation, was pleased in nothing more than in Cartwright's speaking of Falstaffe's speech about "What is Honour?" (p. 83.)

November 6.—With my wife to a play, and the girl—"Macbeth," which we still like mightily, though mighty short of the content we used to have when Betterton acted, who is still sick. (p. 86.)

November 7.—At noon resolved with Sir W. Pen to go to see "The Tempest," an old play of Shakespeare's, acted, I hear, the first day. * * * The house mighty full; the King and Court there: and the most innocent play that ever I saw; and a curious piece of music in an echo of half sentences, the echo repeating the former half, while the man goes on to the latter; which is mighty pretty. The play has no great wit, but yet good, above ordinary plays. (p. 86.)

November 13.—To the Duke of York's house, and there saw the Tempest again, which is very pleasant, and full of so good variety that I cannot be more pleased almost in a comedy, only the seamen's part a little too tedious. (p. 90.)

December 12.—After dinner all alone to the Duke of York's house, and saw "The Tempest," which as often as I have seen it, I do like very well, and the house very full. (p. 122.)

1667-8.

January 6.—Away to the Duke of York's house, in the pit, and so left my wife; * * * Thence, after the play, stayed till Harris was undressed, there being acted "The Tempest," and so he withal, all by coach, home. (p. 150.)

February 3. To the Duke of York's house, to the play "The Tempest," which we have often seen, but yet I was pleased again, and shall be again to see it, it is so full of variety, and particularly this day I took pleasure to learn the tune of the seaman's dance. (p. 176.)

1668.

August 12.—After dinner, I, and wife, and Mercer, and Deb., to the Duke of York's house, and saw "Macbeth," to our great content, and then home. (p. 333.)

August 31.—To the Duke of York's playhouse, and saw "Hamlet," which we have not seen this year before, or more; and mightily pleased with it, but above all with Betterton, the best part, I believe, that ever man acted. (p. 347.)

September 18.—To the King's house, and saw a piece of "Henry the Fourth." (p. 358.)

December 21.—Went into Holborne, and there saw the woman that is to be seen with a beard. * * * Thence to the Duke's playhouse, and saw "Macbeth." (p. 425.)

1668-9.

December 30.—After dinner, my wife and I to the Duke's play-house, and there did see "King Harry the Eighth"; and was mightily pleased, better than I ever expected, with the history and shows of it. (p. 430.)

January 15.—With my wife at my cozen Turner's, where I staid, and sat a while, and carried The. and my wife to the Duke of York's house, to "Macbeth." (p. 440.)

January 20.—To the Duke of York's house, and saw "Twelfth Night," as it is now revived; but, I think, one of the weakest plays that ever I saw on the stage. (p. 445.)

January 21.—Home, where I find Madam Turner, Dyke, and The.; and had a good dinner for them, & merry; and so carried them to the Duke of York's house, * * * and there saw "The Tempest"; but it is but ill done by Gosnell, in lieu of Moll Davis. (p. 446.)

February 6.—To the King's playhouse, and there in an upper box * * * did see "The Moor of Venice:" but ill acted in most parts; Mohun which did a little surprize me not acting Iago's part by much so well as Clun used to do: nor another Hart's, which was Cassio's; nor, indeed, Burt doing the Moor's so well as I once thought he did. (p. 459.)

*Diary and Correspondence of Samuel Pepys, Esq., F.R.S.
Deciphered from his MS. by Rev. Mynors Bright. 1875
—1877.*

The following tabular summary of the above extracts may be useful : it has been made with the help of Mr. H. B. Wheatley's Index to Rev. M. Bright's edition of *Pepys*. I am indebted to the same gentleman for one or two notes on the plays here recorded.

<i>Play seen by Pepys.</i>	<i>Where Acted.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
Hamlet.	The Opera.	1661, Aug. 24.
"	The Theatre.	1661, Nov. 28.
"	The Duke's House.	{ 1663, May 28 : 1668, Aug. 31.
Henry IV.	The Theatre.	1660, Dec. 31: 1661, Jun. 4.
"	The King's House.	1668, Sept. 18.
Henry V.	Acted by the Duke's people at Court.	1666, Dec. 28.
Henry VIII.	Duke's Playhouse.	{ 1663, Dec. 22, 26 : Jan. 1 ; 1668, Dec. 30.
Macbeth.	The Duke of York's house.	{ 1664, Nov. 5 : 1666, Dec. 28 : 1667, Jan. 7 ; April 19 ; Oct. 16 ; Nov. 6 : 1668, Aug. 12 ; Dec. 21 ; Jan. 15.
Merry Wives of W.	Lincoln's Inn Fields playhouse.	{ 1660, Dec. 5.
"	The Theatre.	1661, Sept. 25.
"	The King's house.	1667, Aug. 15.
Midsr. Night's D.	Kings Theatre.	1662, Sept. 29.
Othello.	Cockpit.	1660, Oct. 11.
"	King's house.	1668-9, Feb. 6.
Romeo and Juliet.	The Opera.	1662, Mar. 1.
Tempest.	The Duke of York's house.	{ 1667, Nov. 7, 13 ; Dec. 12 : 1668, Jan. 6 ; Feb. 3 : 1669, Jan. 21.
Twelfth Night.	The Opera.	1661, Sept. 11.
"	The Duke's house.	1663, Jan. 6: 1669, Jan. 20.
Taming of a Shrew. (? the Shrew.)	The King's house.	1667, April 9 ; Nov. 1.

Besides these, the eager play-goer thrice mentions Shakespere's plays in the form of books.

"The Opera" was a name which the house in Lincoln's Inn Fields, where Davenant's company acted from 1662 to 1671, gained from the nature of the new pieces produced there. Davenant was introducing operatic entertainments into England, and when Pepys speaks of "the opera" in September, 1661, he must refer to an earlier building there, as Downes, who was Davenant's book-keeper and prompter, informs us that the new Theatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields was opened in 1662 (*Roscius Anglicanus*, 1708, reprint, 1789, "To the Reader"). Downes nowhere calls this house by the

name of Opera, but he mentions that several plays were turned into operas, of which the *Tempest* was one; to his account of the altered *Macbeth*, "being in the nature of an opera," he adds a "Note, that it was acted in Lincoln's Inn Fields" (p. 43). Pepys saw *Macbeth* at the Duke of York's House, and five editions, from 1673 to 1710, give it as "acted at the Duke's Theatre" (see after, p. 356). Here also Pepys saw Davenant's *Henry VIII*. Davenant's company, then, seem to have continued acting in two houses, as Downes says they did from 1660 to 1663.

Of *Twelfth Night* Downes remarks that "It was got up on purpose to be acted on Twelfth Night" (p. 32), which explains Pepys' grumble on 6 Jan. 1662-3.

It must not be thought that all the plays thus seen by Pepys were Shakespere pure and simple. Of the above, *Macbeth* and the *Tempest* were probably those altered by Davenant (but see after, p. 356); the latter came out in 1667, as shown by its Epilogue (see after, p. 339), and Pepys says he saw it "the first day." *Henry VIII*. has been thought to be Davenant's; Pepys notes on 10 Dec. 1663: "a rare play • • of Sir W. Davenant's, the story of Henry the Eighth with all his wives," and as above, on 26 Dec., calls it a "new play." Putting together, however, what Pepys says of it with Downes' record, and Des Maizeaux' note in 1682 (see after, p. 396), it is likely that it was Shakespere's play, put upon the stage in so entirely new a manner as regards dresses and scenery, &c., that it was known as "Davenant's Henry VIII," just as we now talk of "Irving's Hamlet." Downes says, "King *Henry* the 8th. This Play, by order of *Sir William Davenant*, was all new cloathed in proper habits: The King's was new, and all the Lords, the Cardinals, the Bishops, the Doctors, Proctors, Lawyers, Tipstaves, new scenes: The Part of the King was so right and justly done by Mr. *Betterton*, he being instructed in it by Sir William, who had it from old Mr. *Lowen*, that had his instructions from Mr. *Shakespear* himself, that I dare and will aver, none can, or ever will come near him." (p. 34.) As regards *The Taming of a Shrew*, Lord Braybrooke and Dr. Ingleby consider that this was the older play (before Shakespere); Sir H. Herbert shows (see before, p. 158) that Shakespere's play had been revived in 1663, and Pepys (Nov. 1, 1667) calls the one he saw "an old one": but (on April 9, 1667) he mentions "the best part 'Sawny,' done by Lacy"; the conjunction of these names leads to the conclusion that Lacy's play called *Sawney the Scot*, an adaptation of Shakespere's *Taming of the Shrew*, though only published in 1698, was acted many years earlier under the original title, and that this was the play that Pepys saw.

Strictly speaking, therefore, the entries referring to some of these plays do not belong to this work, but as tending to show the extent to which Shakespere's power was acknowledged even by a degenerate taste, they are included with the rest. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1661.

Wilt thou be Fatt, Ile tell thee how,
 Thou shalt quickly do the Feat ;
 And that so plump a thing as thou
 Was never yet made up of meat :
 Drink off thy Sack, 'twas onely that
 Made *Bacchus* and *Jack Falstafe* Fatt, Fatt.

A Catch : (Stanza I.) occurring on p. 72 of An Antidote against Melancholy: Made up in Pills. Compounded of Witty Ballads, Jovial Songs, and Merry Catches. 1661. [4to.] (See Collier's Bibliog. Account, Vol. I. p. 25.)

This little book contains the song from which Shakespere, in *The Winter's Tale*, makes Antolycus sing the first four lines, beginning :—

“ Jog on, jog on, the foot-path way.”

JOHN EVELYN, 1661.

November 26.—I saw Hamlet Prince of Denmark played, but now the old plays began to disgust this refined age, since his Majesties being so long abroad.

Memoirs and Diary. Edited by William Bray.
1819. Vol. 1, p. 242.

JOHN WARD, 1661—1663.

Shakepear had but 2 daughters, one whereof M. Hall, y^e phyfitian, married, and by her had one daughter, to wit, y^e Lady Bernard of Abbingdon. (43rd leaf from end of the volume.)

I have heard y^t M^r. Shakepeare was a natural wit, without any art at all; hee frequented y^e plays all his younger time, but in his elder days lived at Stratford: and supplied y^e stage with 2 plays every year, and for y^t had an allowance so large, y^t hee spent att y^e Rate of a 1,000*l.* a year, as I have heard.

Remember to peruse Shakespears plays, and bee verfd in them, y^t I may not bee ignorant in y^t matter. (41st leaf from end.)

Shakepear, Drayton, and Ben Jhonson, had a merry meeting, and itt seems drank too hard, for Shakepear died of a feavour there contracted. (30th leaf from end.)

Whether Dr. Heylin does well, in reckoning up the dramatick poets which have been famous in England, to omit Shakepeare.

A letter to my brother, to see Mrs. Queeny, to send for Tom Smith for the acknowledgment.

MSS. of the Rev. John Ward, in the possession of the Medical Society of London. Printed in the "Diary of the Rev. John Ward, A. M., Vicar of Stratford-upon-Avon, extending from 1648 to 1679," edited by C. Severn, M.D. 1839. p. 183-4.

This "Mrs. Queeny" is Judith Quiney, Shakespeare's daughter. She died in 1662. [The fourth edition of Heylyn's cosmography came out in 1652. He gives but a poor list of men famous "for Poetrie" in England, in the division devoted to Britain.

The manuscripts from which Dr. Severn's book is a selection are fifteen duodecimo volumes filled with notes from various readings, medical receipts, heads of sermons, and observations of all sorts ; they are, in fact, commonplace books, to which the word diary does not correctly apply. The volumes are not numbered, nor are the leaves paged ; but on the fly-leaf at the end of that in which the first four of the paragraphs above given are found is written : "This Booke was begunne Feb. 14, 1661, and finished April y^e 25 1663 att Mr. Brooks his hous in Stratford uppon Avon in Warwicke-shire." Dr. Severn gives no reference by which to find the originals of his print ; and put these paragraphs together as one whole, whereas they are scattered entries. I am sorry that I have not succeeded in finding in the MS. the last two of the above paragraphs, they are probably in one of the other fourteen volumes, as a careful search through that dated 1661—1663 does not reveal them. (In his Preface (p. viii) Dr. Severn speaks of *seventeen* duodecimo volumes ; I saw fifteen only, besides a long note-book apparently belonging to the same collection.) I am indebted to the courtesy of W. E. Poole, Esq., Registrar of the Medical Society of London, for the opportunity of examining these manuscripts. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1663.

— On they ride

• • • •
unto Town, famous for Hogs,
Butchers, and their like, Mastiffe-dogs;
And for a Witch that once liv'd there,
Not unlike *Falstaffe* in *Shakespeare*.

Huclibras. Second [Spurious] Part, 1663. p. 46.

THOMAS JORDAN, 1660—1664.

We have been so perplex't with Gun and Drum,
 Look to your Hats and Cloaks; the Redcoats come.
D'Ambois is routed, *Hotspur* quits the Field,
Falstaff's out-filch'd, all in confusion yield;
 Even Auditor and Actor, what before
 Did make the *Red-Bull* laugh, now makes it roar:

(*A Prologue to the King, August 16, 1660.*
Poems, p. 15, reprint, p. 18.)

A Prologue to introduce the first Woman that came to Act on
 the Stage in the Tragedy, call'd *The Moor of Venice*.

I come, unknown to any of the rest
 To tell you news, I saw the Lady drest;
 The Woman playes to day, mistake me not.

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In this reforming age
 We have intents to civilize the Stage.
 Our women are defective, and so fiz'd
 You'd think they were some of the Guard disguiz'd;
 For (to speak truth) men act, that are between
 Forty and fifty, Wenches of fifteen;
 With bone so large, and nerve so incomplyant,
 When you call *Desdemona*, enter Giant.

(*Poems, p. 22: reprint, p. 24.*)

Then quoth the Duke, you must perform my commaund
 Take shipping strait,
 And bear this Brat into a forreign Land;
 Leave it in any wilderneys you can finde,
 And let it there be nourished
 Onely by the rain and winde.

(*The jealous Duke, and the injur'd Dutchess: a story.*
Songs, p. 48, reprint, p. 124.)

*A Royal Arbor of Loyal Poesie, consisting of Poems and
 Songs, n. d. 1664. [4to.] (Bodleian Lib. Malone
 451.) Reprint edited by J. P. Collier, in Illustrations
 of Old English Literature, 1866, Vol. III.*

The ballad from which the third extract is taken is founded on the plot of the *Winter's Tale*; two other ballads of Thomas Jordan, both in the *Royal Arbor*, are also founded on stories used by Shakespeare: viz., *The Forfeiture: a Romance*, and *The Revolution: a Love-story*; the former like *The Merchant of Venice*, the latter like *Much Ado about Nothing*.

[Two copies of this rare book are in the Malone collection, one of which (No. 432) bears the title "A Rosary of Rarities planted in a Garden of Poetry." Both are without date, but a MS. note on No. 451 says: "Mr. Heber's copy bears date 1664." Some of the contents are variously dated from 1660 to 1662. L. T. S.]

MARGARET CAVENDISH, 1664.

I wonder how that person you mention in your letter, could either have the conscience, or confidence to dispraise *Shakespeare's* playes, as to say they were made up onely with clowns, fools, watchmen, and the like ; but to answer that person, though *Shakespeare's* wit will answer for himself, I say, that it seems by his judging, or censuring, he understands not playes, or wit ; for to express properly, rightly, usually, and naturally, a clown's, or fool's humour, expressions, phrases, garbs, manners, actions, words, and course of life, is as witty, wise, judicious, ingenious, and observing, as to write and express the expressions, phrases, garbs, manners, actions, words, and course of life, of kings and princes ; and to express naturally, to the life, a mean country wench, as a great lady, a courtesan, as a chaste woman, a mad man, as a man in his right reason and senses, a drunkard, as a sober man, a knave, as an honest man, and so a clown, as a well-bred man, and a fool, as a wise man ; nay, it expresses and declares a greater wit, to express, and deliver to posterity, the extravagancies of madness, the subtilty of knaves, the ignorance of clowns, and the simplicity of naturals, or the craft of feigned fools, than to express regularities, plain honesty, courtly garbs, or sensible discourses, for 'tis harder to express nonsense than sense, and ordinary conversations, than that which is unusual ; and 'tis harder, and requires more wit to express a jester, than a grave statesman ; yet *Shakespeare* did not want wit, to express to the life all sorts of persons, of what quality, profession, degree, breeding,

or birth soever; nor did he want wit to express the divers and different humours, or natures, or several passions in mankind; and so well he hath express'd in his playes all sorts of persons, as one would think he had been transformed into every one of those persons he hath described; and as sometimes one would think he was really himself the clown or jester he feigns, so one would think, he was also the king, and privy-councillor; also as one would think he were really the coward he feigns, so one would think he were the most valiant and experienced souldier; Who would not think he had been such a man as his *Sir John Falstaff*? and who would not think he had been *Harry the Fifth*? & certainly *Julius Cæsar*, *Augustus Cæsar*, and *Antonius*, did ^[Octavius] never really act their parts better, if so well, as he hath described them, and I believe that *Antonius* and *Brutus* did not speak better to the people, than he hath feign'd them; nay, one would think that he had been metamorphosed from a man to a woman, for who could describe *Cleopatra* better than he hath done, and many other females of his own creating, as *Nan Page*, *Mrs. Page*, *Mrs. Ford*, the doctors maid, *Bettrice*, *Mrs. Quickly*, *Doll Tearsheet*, and others, too many to relate? and in his tragick vein, he presents passions so naturally, and misfortunes so probably, as he pierces the souls of his readers with such a true sense and feeling thereof, that it forces tears through their eyes, and almost persuades them, they are really actors, or at least present at those tragedies. Who could not swear he had been a noble lover, that could woo so well? and there is not any person he hath described in his book, but his readers might think they were well acquainted with them; indeed *Shakespeare* had a clear judgment, a quick wit, a spreading fancy, a subtil observation, a deep apprehension, and a most eloquent elocution; truly, he was a natural orator, as well as a natural poet, and he was not an orator to speak well only on some subjects, as lawyers, who can make eloquent orations at the bar, and plead subtilly and wittily in law-cafes, or divines, that can preach eloquent sermons, or dispute subtilly and wittily

in theology, but take them from that, and put them to other subjects, and they will be to seek; but *Shakefpear's* wit and eloquence was general, for and upon all subjects, he rather wanted subjects for his wit and eloquence to work on, for which he was forced to take some of his plots out of history, where he only took the bare designs, the wit and language being all his own; &c.

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Remember, when we were very young maids, one day we were discourfing about lovers, and we did injoyne each other to confefs who profess'd to love us, and whom we loved, and I confess'd I only was in Love with three dead men, which were dead long before my time, the one was *Cæfar*, for his valour, the second *Ovid*, for his wit, and the third was our countryman *Shakefpear*, for his comical and tragical humour; but soon after we both married two worthy men, and I will leave you to your own husband, for you best know what he is; As for my husband, I know him to have the valour of *Cæfar*, the fancy, and wit of *Ovid*, and the tragical, especially comical art of *Shakefpear*; in truth he is as far beyond *Shakefpear* for comical humour, as *Shakefpear* beyond an ordinary poet in that way; &c.

*CCXI Sociable Letters written by the Lady Marchioness
of Newcastle. 1664. [Fo.]
Letters CXXIII and CLXII.*

The writer of the *Sociable Letters* was the second wife of William, Marquess of Newcastle, the patron of Ben Jonson. In the preface she writes:

"I have endeavoured under the cover of letters to express the humors of mankind, and the actions of man's life by the correspondence of two ladies living at some short distance from each other."

Margaret Cavendish was a woman of sense and accomplishment; but, while her thoughts are usually common-place, she conveys them by an apparatus of phraseology which is clear rather than forcible, and disproportionately diffuse. Her summary of Shakespeare's virtues is little more than an inventory, and is tautologically particular. Yet we must allow that the occasion called for the critique; and at that day it was not superfluous to insist upon the identity of the poet with each and every of his great

characters. The paradox, "'tis harder to express nonsense than sense," is a great truth, singularly applicable to Shakespeare's art. What she says as to the effect of his tragedy on *readers* is also felicitous: and her remark on the Roman plays—"that *Antonius* and *Brutus* did not speak better to the people than he hath feigned them"—is reiterated with excellent effect by Archbishop Trench, in his *Lectures on Plutarch*. That she imitated Shakespeare, in her poems, is countenanced by similarities of diction; e. g., in 1653 she writes:

"Had sinews room fancy therein to breed,
Copies of verses might from the heel proceed."

Which appears to be imitated from *King Lear*, where the fool says:

"If a man's brains were in his heels, were't not in danger of kibes?"

[But in her "General Prologue to all my Playes" (prefixed to her *Playes*, published in 1662) she modestly disclaims any comparison with former masters:—

"As for *Ben. Johnsons* brain, it was so strong,
He could conceive, or judge, what's right, what's wrong:
His Language plain, significant, and free,
And in the English Tongue, the Masterie:
Yet Gentle *Shakespear* had a fluent Wit,
Although less Learning, yet full well he writ;
For all his Playes were writ by Natures light,
Which gives his Readers, and Spectators sight.
But Noble Readers, do not think my Playes
Are such as have been writ in former daies;
As *Johnson, Shakespear, Beaumont, Fletcher* writ;
Mine want their Learning, Reading, Language, Wit." L. T. S.]

Some account of this admirable woman is given in *Pepys' Diary*, vol. iv. pp. 284, note, 302, 315 (Rev. M. Bright's edition, 1877), and in *Evelyn's Diary and Correspondence*, vol. ii. pp. 25, 26 (Ed. 1859, in 4 vols.).

CHARLES COTTON, 1665.

“ Ah, Sister, sister ! had’st not thou,
 Play’d Mistres *Quicklies* office so,
 And footh’d me up till I grew jolly,
 I never had committed Folly :

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But ’twas so dark, as well it might,
 Being ’twixt twelve and one at night ;
 That had the nimble Currier
 In kindness staid his leifure there,
 Though clad in *Falstaff’s Kendal Green*,
 He could not possibly be seen.

Scarronides: or Virgil Travestie. A Mock-Poem. In imitation of the Fourth Book of Virgil’s Æneis in English Burlesque. 1665, pp. 118, 123. (Works, ed. 1771, pp. 127, 129.)

[These allusions have been kindly pointed out by Mr. R. Roberts of Boston. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1667.

In our Old Plays, the humor Love and Paffion
Like Doublet, Hofe, and Cloak, are out of fashion :
That which the World call'd Wit in *ShakeSpears* age,
Is laught at, as improper for our Stage.

*Love Tricks : or the School of Complements,
by James Shirley. Prologue. 1667.*

[This is a different Prologue to that prefixed to the play when it first came out in 1631, in Shirley's life-time, under the title of *The School of Complements*. James Shirley died in 1666. L. T. S.]

JOHN DRYDEN, 1667.

As when a Tree's cut down, the secret Root
 Lives under ground, and thence new Branches shoot ;
 So, from old *Shakeſpear's* honour'd duſt, this day
 Springs up and buds a new reviving Play.
Shakeſpear, who (taught by none) did firſt impart
 To *Fletcher* wit, to labouring *Johnſon* Art.
 He, Monarch-like, gave thoſe his Subjects Law,
 And is that Nature which they paint and draw.
Fletcher reach'd that which on his heights did grow,
 Whiſt *Johnſon* crept and gather'd all below.
 This did his Love, and this his Mirth digeſt :
 One imitates him moſt. the other beſt.
 If they have ſince out-writ all other Men,
 'Tis with the drops which fell from *Shakeſpear's* pen.
 The Storm which vaniſh'd on the neighb'ring ſhore,
 Was taught by *Shakeſpear's* Tempeſt firſt to roar.
 That Innocence and Beauty which did ſmile
 In *Fletcher*, grew on this *Enchanted Iſle*.
 But *Shakeſpear's* Magick could not copy'd be,
 Within that Circle none durſt walk but he.
 I muſt confeſs 'twas bold, nor would you now
 That liberty to vulgar Wits allow,
 Which works by Magick ſupernatural things :
 But *Shakeſpear's* pow'r is Sacred as a King's.
 Thoſe Legends from old Prieſthood were receiv'd,
 And he then writ, as people then believ'd.

*Prologue to The Tempeſt or The Enchanted Iſland, by Sir
 William D'Avenant and John Dryden. 1676.*

There is no doubt D'Avenant, whatever may have been his parentage or his morals, had very considerable poetical abilities. Remembering the tradition recorded by Aubrey (page 383), it is interesting to read the testimony of Dryden to his dramatic excellence. It is prefixed to the play written by them jointly upon the suggestion of Shakespeare's *Tempest*, and runs thus :

"In the time I writ with him, I had the opportunity to observe somewhat more nearly of him than I had formerly done, when I had only a bare acquaintance with him : I found him then of so quick a fancy, that nothing was propos'd to him on which he could not suddenly produce a thought extremely pleasant and surprising : and those first thoughts of his, contrary to the old Latin Proverb, were not always the least happy. And as his fancy was quick, so likewise were the products of it remote and new. He borrowed not of any other ; and his imaginations were such as could not easily enter into any other man. His Corrections were sober and judicious : and he corrected his own writings much more severely than those of another man, bestowing twice the time and labour in polishing, which he us'd in invention."

Preface to The Tempest or The Enchanted Island. 1669.

[This play was first printed in 1670 (which edition I have not been able to see, and therefore take the extracts from that of 1676), Dryden's *Preface* is dated 1669, and the Epilogue points to its first acting in 1667. The Prologue given above is not signed by Dryden, but we take it to have been written by him. The first and third stanzas of the Epilogue run as follows,—

"Gallants, by all good signs it does appear,
That Sixty seven's a very damning year,
For Knaves abroad, and for ill Poets here.

The Ghosts of Poets walk within this place,
And haunt us Actors wheresoe'r we pass,
In visions blouidier then King *Richard's* was." L. T. S.]

ROBERT WILD, 1668.

*Upon some Bottles of Sack and Claret, laid in Sand,
and covered with a Sheet.*

Enter, and see this Tomb (Sirs) do not fear,
No Spirits, but of Wine, will fright you here :
Weep o're this Tomb, your Sorrows here may have
Wine for their sweet Companions in the grave.
A dozen *Shakespears* here interr'd do lie ;
Two dozen *Johnsons* full of Poetry.

*Iter Boreale. With large Additions of several
other Poems. 1668. p. 63.*

JOHN DRYDEN, 1668.

To begin, then, with *Shakespeare*: he was the man who of all Modern, and perhaps Ancient Poets, had the largest and most comprehensive soul. All the Images of Nature were still present to him, and he drew them not laboriously, but luckily: when he describes any thing, you more than see it, you feel it too. Those who accuse him to have wanted learning, give him the greater commendation: he was naturally learn'd; he needed not the spectacles of Books to read Nature; he look'd inwards, and found her there. I cannot say he is everywhere alike; were he so, I should do him injury to compare him with the greatest of Mankind. He is many times flat, insipid; his Comick wit degenerating into clenches, his serious swelling into Bombast. But he is always great, when some great occasion is presented to him: no man can say he ever had a fit subject for his wit, and did not then raise himself as high above the rest of [the] Poets,

Quantum lenta folent, inter viberna cupressi.

The consideration of this made Mr. *Hales of Eton* say, That there was no subject of which any Poet ever writ, but he would produce it much better treated of in *Shakespeare*; and however others are now generally prefer'd before him, yet the Age wherein he liv'd, which had contemporaries with him, *Fletcher* and *Johnson* never equall'd them to him, in their esteem: And in the last Kings Court, when Ben's reputation was at highest, Sir *John Suckling*, and with him the greater part of the courtiers, set our *Shakespeare* far above him.

Baumont and *Fletcher*, of whom I am next to speak, had with the advantage of *Shakespeare's* wit, which was their precedent, great natural gifts, improv'd by study.

Of Dramatick Poesie, an Essay. 1668. [4to.] p. 47.

[The following passage from Daniel George Morhoff, fourteen years after Dryden's Essay, which is referred to by Ulrici (*Shakspeare's Dramatische Kunst*, 1874, Part 3, p. 183) as the first mention of Shakespere by a German writer, is interesting in connection with the above extract.

"Der *John Dryden* hat gar woll und gelahrt von der *Dramatisch Poesi* geschrieben. Die Engelländer die er hierin anführt sein *Shakespeare, Fletcher, Beaumont* von welchen ich nichts gesehen habe. *Ben. Johnson* hat gar viel geschrieben, welcher meines erachtens kein geringes Lob verdienet."

Unterricht von der Teutschen Sprache und Poesie, deren Ursprung, Fortgang und Lehrsätzen. Kiel, 1682. Cap. IV, Von der Engelländer Poeterey, p. 250.

("John Dryden has well and learnedly written of Dramatic Poesie. The English whom he quotes therein are Shakespeare, Fletcher, Beaumont, of whom I have seen nothing. Ben Johnson has written a great deal which in my judgment deserves no small praise.")

Shakespere was early known abroad; three of his plays, now in Zurich library, were brought over by the Swiss, J. R. Hess, who was in England in 1614; and *Hamlet, King Lear*, and *Romeo & Juliet* were acted at Dresden by the English comedians in 1626, as appears by a list of plays performed by them in that year. Much curious and interesting information on the companies of English Actors in Germany and the Netherlands, in the 16th and 17th centuries, is given in Albert Cohn's *Shakespeare in Germany*, 1865 (see the foregoing facts on pp. xx, cxv), and since the publication of his work recent discoveries in the Minute books of Cologne shew that English actors appeared in that city in several different years between 1592 and 1612. See Dr. L. Ennen's articles in the *Stadt-Anzeiger der Kölnischen Zeitung*, Nov. 17, 20, 21, and 22, 1877. L. T. S.]

SIR JOHN DENHAM, 1668.

Old *Chaucer*, like the morning Star,
 To us discovers day from far,
 His light those Mists and Clouds dissolv'd,
 Which our dark Nation long involv'd ;
 But he descending to the shades,
 Darkness again the Age invades.
 Next (like *Aurora*) *Spencer* rose,
 Whose purple blush the day foreshows ;
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 By *Shakepear's*, *Johnson's*, *Fletcher's* lines,
 Our Stages lustre *Rome's* outshines :
 These Poets neer our Princes sleep,
 And in one Grave their Mansion keep ;
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 Time, which made them their Fame outlive,
 To *Cowley* scarce did ripeness give.
 Old Mother Wit, and Nature gave
Shakepear and *Fletcher* all they have ;
 In *Spencer*, and in *Johnson*, Art
 Of flower Nature got the start ;

Poems and Translations, with The Sophy. 1668. pp.
89, 90. On Mr. Abraham Cowley, his Death and
Burial amongst the Ancient Poets.

[Did Sir John really think that Shakespere was buried in Westminster Abbey, as the above lines would seem to imply? Cowley died in 1667, his friend Denham in 1668. L. T. S.]

EDWARD PHILLIPS, 1669.

Hoc seculo [sc. temporibus Elizabethæ reginæ et Jacobi regis] floruerunt * * * Gulielmus Shæcperius, qui præter opera Dramatica, duo Poemata *Lucretiæ stuprum à Tarquinio*, et *Amores Veneris in Adonidem*, Lyrica carmina nonnulla composuit: videtur fuisse, siquis alius, re verâ Poeta natus. Samuel Daniel non obscurus hujus ætatis Poeta, etc.

* * * Ex eis qui dramaticè scripserunt, Primas sibi vendicant Shæcperus, Jonsonus et Flecherus, quorum hic facundâ et politâ quâdam familiaritate Sermonis, ille erudito judicio et Ufu veterum Authorum, alter nativâ quâdam et Poeticâ sublimitate Ingenii excelluisse videntur. Ante hos in hoc genere Poeseos apud nos eminuit Nemo. Pauci quidem antea scripserunt, at parum fœliciter; hos autem tanquam duces itineris plurimi faltem æmulati sunt, inter quos præter Sherleium, (proximum à supra memorato Triumviratu,) Suclingium, Randolphium, Davenantium et Carturitium * * * enumerandi veniunt Ric. Bromeus, Tho. Heivodus, etc.

Tractatus de Carmine Dramatico Poetarum, et compendiosa Enumeratio Poetarum a Tempore Dantis Aligerii usque ad hanc Ætatem. Added to the seventeenth edition of Thesaurus J. Buchleri of 1669. Collated from the edition of 1679, pp. 396, 397, 399.

RICHARD FLECKNOE, 1670.

Of the difference

Betwixt the Ancient and Modern Playes.

If any one the difference woud know,
 Betwixt the *Ancient Playes* and *Modern* now;
 In *Ancient Times* none ever went away,
 But with a glowing bosome from a Play,
 With somewhat they had *heard*, or *seen* so fierd,
 They seem to be *Celestially* inspir'd.
 Now you have onely some few light conceits,
 Like Squibs & Crackers, neither warms nor heats;
 And *sparks of Wit* as much as you'd desire,
 But nothing of a true and solid fire:
 So hard 'tis now for any one to write
 With *Johnson's* fire, or *Fletcher's* flame & spright:
 Much less inimitable *Shakspears* way,
Promethian-like to animate a Play.

Epigrams. 1670. p. 71.

GEORGE VILLIERS, 2ND DUKE OF
BUCKINGHAM. 1671.

Bayes. Now here's an odd surprife: all these dead men you shall see rife up presently, at a certain Note that I have made, in *Effaut flat*, and fall a Dancing. Do you hear, dead men? remember your Note in *Effaut flat*. Play on. [*To the Mufick.*

Now, now, now. *The Mufick play his Note, and the dead*
O Lord, O Lord! *men rife; but cannot get in order.*

Out, out, out! Did ever men spoil a good thing fo? no figure, no ear, no time, no thing? you dance worfe than the Angels in *Harry the Eight*, or the fat Spirits in *The Tempeft*, I gad.

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Bayes. Now, Gentlemen, I will be bold to fay, I'll shew you the greatest Scene that ever *England* saw: I mean not for words, for thofe I do not value; but for state, shew, and magnificence. In fine, I'll juftifie it to be as grand to the eye every whit, I gad, as that great Scene in *Harry the Eight*, and grander too, I gad; for, instead of two Bishops, I have brought in two other Cardinals.

The Rehearsal, 1672. Act II. Sc. v.; Act V. Sc. i.
pp. 19, 42.
(First acted 7 Dec. 1671; see Arber's reprint, 1869.)

ANDREW MARVEL, 1672, 1673.

And then as for extortion; who but such an Hebrew Jew as you would, after an honest man had made so full and voluntary restitution, not yet have been satisfied without so many pounds of his flesh over into the bargain? Though J. O. be in a desperate condition, yet methinks Mr. B., not 'being past grace,' should not neither 'have been past mercy.'

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I cannot but observe, Mr. Bayes, this admirable way (like that *Sir John Falstaff's* singular dexterity in finking) that you have of answering whole Books or Discourses, how pithy and knotty soever, in a line or two, nay sometimes with a word.

The Rehearsal Transposed. First Part.
Reprinted by Rev. A. B. Grosart in *Works of Andrew Marvel, Vol. III, pp. 54, 135. 1873.*

I remember within our time one *Simons*, who rob'd always upon the *Bricolle*, that is to say, never interrupted the Passengers, but still set upon the Thieves themselves, after, like *Sir John Falstaff*, they were gorged with a booty; and by this way, so ingenious, that it was scarce criminal, he lived secure and unmolested all his days with the reputation of a Judge rather than an High-way man.

The Rehearsall Transpos'd. Second Part. 1673.
pp. 46, 47. Grosart's Reprint, Works, Vol. III,
p. 265.

[JOHN DRYDEN], 1672.

In country beauties as we often see,
 Something that takes in their simplicity.
 Yet while they charm, they know not they are fair,
 And take without their spreading of the suare;
 Such Artleſs beauty lies in *Shakeſpears* wit,
 'Twas well in ſpight of him whate're he writ.
 His excellencies came, and were not ſought,
 His words like caſual atoms made a thought:
 Drew up themſelves in rank and file, and writ,
 He wondring how the devil it were ſuch wit.
 Thus like the drunken Tinker in his Play,
 He grew a Prince, and never knew which way.
 He did not know what trope or figure meant,
 But to perfwade is to be eloquent,
 So in this Cæſar which this day you ſee,
Tully ne'r ſpoke as he makes *Anthony*.
 Thoſe then that tax his learning are to blame,
 He knew the thing, but did not know the name:
 Great *Johnſon* did that ignorance adore,
 And though he envi'd much, admir'd him more.
 The faultleſs *Johnſon* equally writ well,
Shakeſpear made faults; but then did more excel.
 One cloſe at guard like ſome old fencer lay,
 Tother more open, but he ſhew'd more play.
 In imitation *Johnſons* wit was ſhown,
 Heaven made his men, but *Shakeſpear* made his own.

Wife *Johnson's* talent in observing lay,
 But others' follies still made up his play.
 He drew the like in each elaborate line,
 But *Shakespeare* like a master did design.
Johnson with skill dissected humane kind,
 And show'd their faults, that they their faults might find;
 But then as all anatomists must do,
 He to the meanest of mankind did go.
 And took from gibbets such as he would show.
 Both are so great that he must boldly dare,
 Who both of 'em does judge and both compare.
 If amongst poets one more bold there be,
 The man that dare attempt in either way, is he.

Covent Garden drolery. 1672. [8vo.] p. 9.
Prologue to Julius Caesar.

This clever Prologue was ascribed to Dryden by Mr. Bolton Corney (*Notes and Queries*, 1st S. ix, 95). Boaden (*Inquiry*, 1824, p. 38) regretted "that Dryden did not let out more of his mighty spirit in the verses" addressed to Kneller. "He might have rendered them the vehicle of a discriminated character of Shakespeare, such as should rival that written by himself in such admirable prose." Boaden did not know that Dryden had done this in his prologue to *Julius Caesar*.

The line—

"'Twas well in spite of him whate'er he writ,"

reminds us of Pope's assertion that Shakespeare

"grew immortal in his own despite."

[Dryden, in his lines "To my Dear Friend Mr. Congreve, on his Comedy call'd, *The Double Dealer*," 1694, again shows his sense of Shakespeare's native genius:—

"Time, Place, and Action, may with Pains be wrought
 But Genius must be born; and never can be taught.
 This is your Portion; This your Native Store;
 Heav'n, that but once was Prodigal before,
 To *Shakespeare* gave as much; she cou'd not give him more."

L. T. S.]

JOHN DRYDEN, 1672.

'To begin with *Language*. That an alteration is lately made in ours or since the writers of the last age (in which I comprehend *Shakespear*, *Fletcher*, and *Jonson*,) is manifest. Any man who reads those excellent Poets, and compares their language with what is now written, will see it almost in every line. But, that this is an *improvement* of the language, or an alteration for the better, will not so easily be granted. (p. 162.) * * * * One testimony of this is undeniable, that we are the first who have observ'd them [their improprieties of language]; and, certainly, to observe errors is a great step to the correcting of them. But, malice and partiality set apart, let any man who understands English, read diligently the works of *Shakespear* and *Fletcher*; and I dare undertake that he will find, in every page either some *solecism* of speech, or some notorious flaw in sense; and yet these men are reverenc'd, when we are not forgiven. That their wit is great and many times their expressions noble, envy itself cannot deny.

Neque ego illis detrahere ausim

Hærentem capiti, multa cum laude, coronam :

but the times were ignorant in which they liv'd. Poetry was then, if not in its infancy among us, at least not arriv'd to its vigor and maturity : witness the lameness of their plots : many of which, especially those which they writ first, (for even that age refin'd itself in some measure,) were made up of some ridiculous, incoherent story, which, in one play many times took up the business of an age. I suppose I need not name *Pericles*, *Prince of Tyre*, nor the Historical Plays of *Shakespear*. Besides

many of the rest, as the *Winter's Tale*, *Love's labour lost*, *Measure for Measure*, which were either grounded on impossibilities, or at least, so meanly written, that the Comedy neither caus'd your mirth, nor the serious part your concernment. (p. 163.) * * * *

In reading some bombast speeches of *Macheth*, which are not to be understood, he [*Ben. Johnson*] used to say that it was horreur. and I am much afraid that this is so. (p. 165.)

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But I am willing to close the book [*Catiline*], partly out of veneration to the author, partly out of weariness to pursue an argument which is so fruitful in so small a compass. And what correctness, after this, can be expected from *Shakepear* or from *Fletcher*, who wanted that learning and care which *Johnson* had? I will therefore spare my own trouble of inquiring into their faults: who had they liv'd now, had doubtless written more correctly. (p. 167.)

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By this grafting, as I may call it, on old words, has our tongue been beautified by the three fore-mentioned poets, *Shakepear*, *Fletcher*, and *Johnson*: whose excellencies I can never enough admire, and in this, they have been follow'd especially by Sir *John Suckling* and Mr. *Waller*, who refin'd upon them. (p. 169.)

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I should now speak of the refinement of wit: but I have been so large on the former subject that I am forc'd to contract myself in this. I will therefore onely observe to you, that the wit of the last age was yet more incorrect than their language. *Shakepear*, who many times has written better than any poet, in any language, is yet so far from writing wit always, or expressing that wit according to the Dignity of the Subject, that he writes, in many places, below—the dullest Writer of ours, or of any precedent age. Never did any author precipitate himself from such heights of thought to so low expressions, as he often does. He

is the very *Janus* of poets; he wears, almost everywhere two faces: and you have scarce begun to admire the one, e're you despise the other. Neither is the Luxuriance of *Fletcher*, (which his friends have tax'd in him,) a less fault than the carelessness of *Shakespear*. (p. 169.)

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Shakespear show'd the best of his skill in his *Mercutio*, and he said himself, that he was forc'd to kill him in the third Act, to prevent being kill'd by him. But, for my part, I cannot find he was so dangerous a person: I see nothing in him but what was so exceeding harmless, that he might have liv'd to the end of the Play, and dy'd in his bed, without offence to any man. (p. 172.)

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Let us therefore admire the beauties and the heights of *Shakespear*, without falling after him into a carelessness, and (as I may call it) a Lethargy of thought, for whole scenes together. (p. 174.)

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*The Conquest of Granada by the Spaniards. By
John Dryden. 1672. Second Part. Defence
of the Epilogue.*

[In the Preface to *An Evening's Love, or the Mock Astrologer*, 1671, Dryden thus refers to his intended criticism (given above) and shows how he regarded Shakespere's heroic plays. "I had thought, Reader, in this Preface to have written somewhat concerning the difference betwixt the Playes of our Age, and those of our Predecessors on the *English* stage: to have shewn in what parts of Dramatick Poesie we were excell'd by *Ben Johnson*, I mean, humour, & contrivance of Comedy; and in what we may justly claim precedence of *Shakespear* and *Fletcher*, namely in Heroick Playes: but this design I have wav'd on second considerations, at least deferr'd it till I publish the Conquest of Granada." L. T. S.]

* *Anonymous*, 1673.

And since in every age the same *faculties* are employ'd, only the *objects* changed, and the *actions* of those faculties not many; it must need be that our whole life is but *re-acting* the same thing frequently over upon divers subjects and occasions. As the Fool personates the same humour, tho' in divers Comedies, and tho sometimes *Lance*, *Jodelet*, or *Scaramuccio*, yet 'tis all but the same *Buffoon*.

Of Education. Especially of Young Gentlemen. Second Impression. Oxford, 1673, p. 43.

[This appears to be an allusion to Launce in the *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. If so, the passage is interesting as classing him with Scaramouche. H. Littledale.]

FRANCIS KIRKMAN, 1673.

The most part of these Pieces were written by such Persons as were known to be the ablest Artists that ever this Nation produced, by Name *Shake-spear, Fletcher, Johnson, Shirley,* and others; and these Collections are the very Souls of their writings, if the witty part thereof may be so termed: * * When the publique Theatres were shut up, and the Actors forbidden to present us with any of their Tragedies, because we had enough of that in earnest, and Comedies, because the Vices of the Age were too lively and smartly represented; then all that we could divert our selves with were these humours and pieces of Plays, which passing under the Name of a merry conceited Fellow, called *Bottom the Weaver, Simpleton the Smith, John Swabber,* or some such Title, were only allowed us, and that but by stealth too, and under pretence of Rope-dancing, or the like.

The Wits, or Sport upon Sport. Being a Curious Collection of several Drolls and Farces. 1673. Preface.

[A collection of the opinion of the century upon our great poet would hardly be complete without this illustration of the involuntary homage paid to Shakespere's spirit of fun, which as this volume shows prevailed even against the Ordinance of the Long Parliament, 2 Sept. 1642, that "stage-plays shall cease & be forborne." The book is in two Parts; Part I, 1672; Part II, with a fresh title-page, dated 1673, and a Preface by Kirkman. The first piece in Part I, is taken from *I Henry IV*, giving the mirth of Prince Hal and Falstaff, under the title of "The Bouncing Knight, or the Robbers Rob'd"; others are "The Grave-makers" scene from *Hamlet*, and, in Part II, "The merry conceited Humours of Bottom the Weaver" (the last was printed, alone, as "a comedy" in 1661; a copy is in the Bodleian). On the frontispiece of some copies is a curious engraving representing a stage with foot-lights, and several figures performing thereon: conspicuously towards the front are "S^r I. Falstafe" and the "Hostes," which have been copied for the vignette on the title-page of this edition of the "Centurie." The whole frontispiece is reproduced by Mr. Ebsworth in his "*Merry Drollery*," Boston, 1875 (see *ib.* p. 408, *note*). Mr. Halliwell reprinted these three drolls from Shakespere in two thin duodecimos in 1860; but the early date assigned by him to these compilations is uncertain.

For an interesting sketch of the history of "Drolls" and "Drolleries" see "*Westminster Drolleries*," edited by Rev. J. W. Ebsworth. Boston, 1875. Introduction, pp. xiii, xxii. L. T. S.]

THOMAS ISHAM, 1673.

20 [August]. Ad nos perlatum est Harrisimum socium suum histrionem in scena casu occidisse. Tragœdia Macbeth appellata erat; in qua Harrisfius qui Macduffi personam gerebat socium suum Macbethum debebat interficere.

Inter dimicandum autem accidit ut Macduffus Macbetham¹ pugionem in oculum infigeret quo vulnere exanimatus concidit ut ne potuerit pronunciare ultima verba quæ debuerat, "Farewell vane world & what is worse ambition."

(1 Sic.)

MS. Journal among the Isham papers at Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire.

It is reported that Harris has killed his associate actor, in a scene on the stage, by accident. It was the tragedy called "Macbeth," in which Harris performed the part of Macduff, and ought to have slain his fellow-actor, Macbeth; but during the fence it happened that Macduff pierced Macbeth in the eye, by which thrust he fell lifeless, and could not bring out the last words of his part.

The Journal of Thomas Isham, from 1 Nov. 1671 to 30 Sept. 1673, translated by Rev. Robert Isham, with an Introduction, &c., by Walter Rye. Norwich. 1875, p. 102. (Privately printed.)

[Thomas Isham, eldest son of Sir Justinian Isham, kept his journal in Latin for two years by desire of his father. At the date of the above entry he was a boy of sixteen. *Macbeth* was being acted at this time at "the Duke's Theatre" by Davenant's company, Betterton taking the part of Macbeth; Mrs. Betterton, Lady Macbeth; and Harris, Macduff. But as Betterton died in his bed in 1710, either the fatal ending to the accident was

a mere report, or it may have happened to another actor temporarily substituted for Betterton ; we know from Pepys that a man named Young acted for him on one occasion (see before, p. 320).

It is noteworthy that the edition of *Macbeth* brought out in 1673 [4to.] does not contain the words "Farewell vane world," &c. ; they appear for the first time in the 4to. edition of 1674. "Macbeth ; a Tragedy, acted at the Duke's Theatre" in 1673, was Shakespere's play unaltered, save by the insertion of the words adapted to Lock's music (which was published in 1672). But in 1674 came out "Macbeth, a Tragedy. With all the alterations, amendments, additions, and new songs. As it's now Acted at the Dukes Theatre," and this version was repeated, with the same list of principal actors, which is also that given for the play of 1673, in 1687, 1695, and 1710.¹ Here Macbeth's last speech, referred to (but not exactly recollected) by Thomas Isham, is to be found : "Farewell vain World, and what's most vain in it, Ambition." Davenant then, it would seem, felt his way to the new *Macbeth*, and it may have been Shakespere's own play after all that Pepys sometimes saw between 1664 and 1668 (see before, p. 324); while, on the other hand, the entry in Isham's journal shows that Davenant's altered play was well known before its publication in 1674.

A curious Travesty of *Macbeth*, ridiculing the machinery, witches, and musical accompaniments lately introduced, was published in 1674, in the Epilogue to the farce *Empress of Morocco*. See *Notes & Queries*, 3rd Series, vol. xii. p. 63.

I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. Walter Rye for a copy of the journal in its English dress, and for procuring the extract from the original Latin MS. at Lampport. L. T. S.]

¹ *Macbeth* is not among the sixteen plays contained in Davenant's Works, published in 1674 by his widow ; nor is it among Davenant's plays described by Langbaine in his *Account of English Dramatists*, 1691. John Downes, Prompter of Sir W. Davenant's company from 1662 to 1706, is the authority on which the altered play is ascribed to Davenant (none of the editions bear his name). See *Roscarius Anglicanus*, by John Downes, 1708. Reprint of 1789, p. 42.

JOHN DRYDEN, 1674.

With joy we bring what our dead Authors writ,
And beg from you the value of their Wit ;
That *Shakeſpear's*, *Fletcher's*, and great *Johnſon's* claim,
May be Renew'd from thoſe who gave them fame.

*Prologue, to the University of Oxford, 1674. Spoken by
Mr. Hart. Written by Mr. Dryden. Miscellany
Poems : By the most eminent hands. 1684. Part I,
p. 265.*

SAMUEL SPEED, 1674.

Hunger hath hundreds brought
 To *Dine with him*, and all not worth a Groat.
 • • • • •

The Guests being met, and all prepar'd to eat,
 What next should come, but what they want, their meat?
 • • • • •

Each shrugs his shoulder, walks from place to place,
 Nor could they scarce forbear to blame *his Grace*:
 • • • • •

Their food was thin; however none knew how
 To shew their ill resentments, but as men
 Well-pacifi'd, agreed to come agen,
 But ere that happy day was fully grown,
 A dreadful Fire consumes the Kitchin down:
 • • • • •

On which the DUKE, to shun a scorching doom,
 Perambulated to *Ben Johnson's Tomb*,
 Where *Shakespear, Spencer, Camlden*, and the rest,
 Once rising Suns, are now set in the West;
 But still their lustres do so brightly shine,
 That they invite our Worthies there to Dine.
 • • • • •

There our ingenious Train have thought it fit
 To change their Dyet, and to Dine in Wit.
 • • • • •

Next day *his Grace*, and all his Guests so trim,
 Do *Shakespear* find, and then they feast on him.

Fragmenta Circæris; or The Kings-Bench Scuffle, &c.
 1674. [4to.] *The Legend of Duke Humphrey.*
 Sign. F 1, back, F 3, F 3, back, F 4, F 4, back.

EDWARD PHILLIPS, 1675.

Wit, Ingenuity, and Learning in Verſe, even Elegancy it felt, though that comes neereſt, are one thing, true Native *Poetry* is another; in which there is a certain Air and Spirit, which perhaps the moſt Learned and judicious in other Arts do not perfectly apprehend, much leſs is it attainable by any Study or Industry; nay though all the Laws of *Heroic Poem*, all the Laws of *Tragedy* were exactly obſerved, yet ſtill this *tour entrejeant*,¹ this Poetic *Energie*, if I may ſo call it, would be required to give life to all the reſt, which ſhines through the rougheſt moſt unpoliſh't and antiquated Language, and may happily be wanting, in the moſt polite and reformed: let us obſerve *Spencer*, with all his Ruſtic, obſolete words, with all his rough-hewn clowterly Verſes; yet take him throughout, and we ſhall find in him a gracefull and Poetic Maſtey: in like manner *Shakeſpear*, in ſight of all his unfiled expreſſions, his rambling and indigeſted Fancys, the laughter of the *Critical*, yet muſt be confeſs't a *Poet* above many that go beyond him in Literature ſome degrees. All this while it would be very unreaſonable that thoſe who have but attempted well, much more thoſe who have been learned, judicious or Ingenuous in Verſe ſhould be forgotten and left out of the circuit of *Poets*, in the larger acceptation. (*Preface, leaf 14.*)

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Benjamin Johnſon, the moſt learned, judicious and correſt, generally ſo accounted, of our *Engliſh* Comedians, and the more to be admired for being ſo, for that neither the height of natural

¹ [Entrejeant = *entregent*, courtesy, civility, interchange; *tour entrejeant* is bad French. but Phillips ſeems to mean the force of ſpirit. L. T. S.]

parts, for he was no *Shakefpear*, nor the coft of Extraordinary Education; for he is reported but a Bricklayers Son, but his own proper Induftry and Addition to Books advanc't him to this perfection: (*The Modern Poets*, p. 19.)

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Chriſtopher Marlow, a kind of a ſecond *Shakefpear* (whoſe contemporary he was) not only becauſe like him he roſe from an Aſtor to be a maker of Plays, though inferiour both in Fame and Merit; but alſo becauſe in his begun Poem of *Hero and Leander*, he ſeems to have a reſemblance of that clean and unfophiſticated Wit, which is natural to that incomparable Poet; (p. 24.)

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John Fletcher, one of the happy *Triumvirat* (the other two being *Johnſon* and *Shakefpear*) of the Chief Dramatic Poets of our Nation, in the laſt foregoing Age, among whom there might be ſaid to be a ſymmetry of perfection, while each excelled in his peculiar way: *Ben. Johnſon* in his elaborate pains and knowledge of Authors, *Shakefpear* in his pure vein of wit, and natural Poetic height; *Fletcher* in a courtly Elegance, and gentile familiarity of ſtyle, and withal a wit and invention ſo overflowing, that the luxuriant branches thereof were frequently thought convenient to be lopt off by his almoſt inſeparable Companion *Francis Beaumont*. (p. 108.)

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William Shakefpear, the Glory of the Engliſh Stage; whoſe nativity at *Stratford upon Avon*, is the higheſt honour that Town can boaſt of: from an Aſtor of Tragedies and Comedies, he became a *Maker*; and ſuch a *Maker*, that though ſome others may perhaps pretend to a more exact *Decorum* and *æconomie*, eſpecially in Tragedy, never any expreſs't a more lofty and Tragic height; never any represented nature more purely to the life, and where the poliſhments of Art are moſt wanting, as probably his Learning was not extraordinary, he pleaſeth with a certain

wild and native Elegance; and in all his Writings hath an unvulgar style, as well in his *Venus and Adonis*, his *Rape of Lucrece* and other various Poems, as in his Dramatics. (p. 194.)

Theatrum Poetarum. 1675. [12mo.] *Proface.*
The Modern Poets.

We have here *Shakespear*, twice. It is not a misprint, but a recognised form of spelling our great bard's name. We find it in some editions of Camden's *Remaines Concerning Britaine: e. g.*, the Ed. of 1614, which has *Shakespheare*. (See ante, p. 20.) Again, in the deed under which Shakespeare purchased, for £440, the unexpired term in a moiety of the tithes of Stratford, Old Stratford, Bishopton, and Welcombe, we find the name spelt eleven times with the 'ph' and only once without.

JOHN DRYDEN, 1676.

Our Author by experience finds it true,
'Tis much more hard to please himself than you :

• • • • •

But spite of all his pride a secret shame,
Invades his breast at *Shakeſpear's* ſacred name :
Aw'd when he hears his God-like *Romans* rage,
He, in a juſt deſpair, would quit the Stage.

*Prologue to Aureng-zebe, a tragedy, by
John Dryden. 1676.*

SIR CARR SCROPE, 1677-8.

When *Shakespear, Johnson, Fletcher*, rul'd the Stage,
 They took so bold a Freedom with the Age,
 That there was scarce a Knave, or Fool, in Town
 Of any Note, but had his Picture shown.

*In Defense of Satyr. (Quoted by the Earl of Rochester
 in An Allusion to the Tenth Satyr of the First Book
 of Horace. See note below.)
 Poems on several occasions [By John Wilmot, Earl of
 Rochester], 1685, p. 39.*

This baronet was author of some poetical things, principally translations from Ovid (e. g., the Epistle of *Sappho to Phaon*), some of which are printed in *Miscellany Poems*, 1684 (see Wood's *Fasti Oxonienses*, Part II, p. 294). The passage we have given corresponds to the first five lines of Horace's Satire iv of Book I, from which we infer that the *Defence of Satyr* is imitated from that satire. We do not know whether Sir Carr Scrope's entire poem is extant. In the Earl of Rochester's *Works* (Tonson), 1714, p. 87, will be found his *Allusion*, &c. ; and Scrope's verses mentioning Shakespeare are quoted at p. 96 (as well as in Rochester's *Poems on several Occasions*, 1685, p. 39). Rochester's reply at p. 100 ends with these personalities :

“Half-witty and half-mad, and scarce half-brave,
 Half honest (which is very much a Knave)
 Made up of all these Halfs, thou can'st not pass
 For anything intirely but an *Ass*.”

Scrope died in 1680.

JOHN WILMOT, EARL OF ROCHESTER, 1678.

A jeaft in fcorn points out, and hits the thing
 More home, than the *Morofeft* Satyrs fting.
Shake-fpear and *Johnfon* did herein excell,
 And might in this be imitated well.

• • • • •
 But does not *Dryden* find ev'n *Johnfon* dull ?
Fletcher and *Baumont* uncorrect and full,
 Of lewd Lines, as he calls 'em ? *Shake-fpear's* ftile
 Stiff and affected ; to his own the while,
 Allowing all the juftnefs, that his Pride
 So arrogantly had to thefe deny'd ?
 And may not I, have leave impartially,
 To fearch and cenfure *Dryden's* Works, and try,
 If thofe grofs faults his choice Pen does commit,
 Proceed from want of Iudgment, or of Wit ?
 Or if his lumpifh fancy does refufe
 Spirit and Grace to his loofe flattern Mufe ?
 Five hundred Verfes every Morning writ,
 Prove him no more a Poet, than a Wit.

*An Allufion to the Tenth Satyr of the First Book
 of Horace, [in] Poems on feveral Occafions. 1685,
 pp. 36, 37. Also in Works of John Earl of
 Rochefter, 1714, pp. 89, 93.*

[The name Dryden is filled in from later editions, in that of 1685 it is only indicated by a D—. Rochefter died in 1680.

In an *Epilogue* to be found in the edition of Rochefter's Poems of 1696, p. 128 (but not in that of 1685), wherein he criticifes the "awkward Actors" of the day, he fays—

"Through-pac'd ill Actors may, perhaps be cur'd ;
 Half Players, like Half Wits, can't be endur'd.
 Yet thefe are they, who durft expose the Age
 Of the great Wonder of the *English* Stage.
 Whom Nature feem'd to form for your Delight,
 And bid him fpeak, as she bid *Shakefpear* write."

The fide-note "Major Mohun" feems to point out that he was the "great wonder of the English ftage" intended. L. T. S.]

THOS. SHADWELL, 1678.

I am now to present your Grace with this History of *Timon*, which you were pleased to tell me you liked, and it is the more worthy of you, since it has the inimitable hand of *Shakefpear* in it, which never made more Masterly strokes than in this.

The History of Timon of Athens, the Man-Hater, made into a Play.
By Thos. Shadwell. 1678. [4to.] *Epistle Dedicatory.*

THOMAS RYMER, 1678.

I provided me some of those Master-pieces of Wit, so renown'd everywhere, and so edifying to the *Stage*: I mean the choicest and most applauded English Tragedies of this last age; * * * *Othello*, and *Julius Cæsar*, by *Shakeſpear*; and *Cataline* by *Worthy Ben*. (p. 2.)

he may be a true man, though awkward and unſightly, as the *Monſter* in the *Tempeſt*. (p. 4.)

But I grow weary of this Tragedy: In the former I took *Latorch* by his mouth, and ranting air for a copy of *Caffius* in *Shakeſpear*: and that you may ſee *Artaces* here, is not without his *Caffian* ſtrokes

[Beaumont & Fletcher's
"King and
no King."]

Thus *Caffius* in *Shakeſpear*.

Caff. . . . Brutus and Cæſar! what ſhould there be in that Cæſar!

Why ſhould that name be founded more than yours?

Write them together, yours is as fair a name:

Sound them; it doth become the mouth as well:

Weigh them, it is as heavy; conjure with them, man:

Brutus will ſtart a Spirit as well as Cæſar.

Now, in the name of all the Gods at once,

Upon what meat doth this our Cæſar feed,

That he is grown ſo great?

Thus *Artaces*.

Art. I have liv'd

To conquer men, and now am overthrow'n

Only by words, Brother and Sister : where
 Have those words dwelling ? I will find 'em out,
 And utterly destroy 'em : but they are
 Not to be grasp'd : let 'em be men or beasts,
 I will cut 'em from the earth ; or Towns,
 And I will raze 'em, and then blow 'em up :
 Let 'em be Seas, and I will drink 'em off ;
 And yet have unquench'd fire within my breast :
 Let 'em be any thing but meerly voice. (pp. 101-3.)

*The Tragedies of The Last Age consider'd and Examin'd
 by the Practice of the Ancients, and by the Common
 sense of all Ages. 1678. [Sm. 8vo.]*

[Rymer cursorily mentions *Othello* twice (pp. 5, 141), but says his volume is big enough now : he afterwards wrote upon *Othello* and *Julius Caesar* in "A Short View of Tragedy ; Its Original, Excellency, and Corruption ; with some Reflections on *Shakespear*, and other Practitioners for the Stage." 1693. This work was reviewed by Motteux in the *Gentleman's Journal* for December, 1692 (see what he says, quoted, after, p. 415) ; also by John Dunton in *The Compleat Library*, Dec. 1692, vol. ii. p. 58. "Our Author thinks," says Dunton, "that many of the *Tragical Scenes* in *Shakespear*, cried up so much for the Action, of which he gives some instances, may yet do better without such words as he uses." (p. 59.)

Rymer's criticism (if so it can be called) is entirely adverse to Shakespere. The best he can say of *Othello* is his concluding sentence :—"There is in this Play, some burlesk, some humour, and ramble of Comical Wit, some shew, and some *Mimickry* to divert the spectators : but the tragical part is, plainly none other, than a Bloody Farce, without salt or savour" (*Short View*, p. 146). And the following is a specimen of what he has to say upon *Julius Caesar* :—"In the former Play, our Poet might be the bolder, the persons being all his own Creatures, and meer fiction. * * He might be familiar with *Othello* and *Iago*, as his own natural acquaintance : but *Caesar* and *Brutus* were above his conversation. To put them in Fools Coats, and make them Jack-puddens in the *Shakespear* dress, is a *Sacrilidge*, beyond anything in *Spelman*. The Truth is, this authors head was full of villanous, unnatural images, and history has only furnish'd him with great names, thereby to recommend them to the World" (p. 148). L. T. S.]

JOHN DRYDEN, 1678.

In my Stile I have profefs'd to imitate the Divine *Shakespeare*; which that I might perform more freely, I have dis-incumber'd my self from Rhyme. • • I hope I need not to explain my self, that I have not Copy'd my Author servilely: Words and Phrases must of necessity receive a change in succeeding Ages: but 't is almost a Miracle that much of his Language remains so pure; and that he who began Dramatique Poetry amongst us, untaught by any, and, as *Ben Johnson* tells us, without Learning, should by the force of his own Genius perform so much, that in a manner he has left no praise for any who come after him.

Preface to All for Love; or, the World well Lost.
A Tragedy. 1678. Sign. b 4, back. [4to.]

JOHN DRYDEN, 1679.

The Poet *Æschylus* was held in the same veneration by the *Athenians* of after Ages as *Shakeſpear* is by us; * * * though the difficulties of altering are greater, and our reverence for *Shakeſpear* much more juſt, then that of the *Grecians* for *Æſchylus*, * * * yet it muſt be allow'd to the preſent Age, that the tongue in general is ſo much refin'd ſince *Shakeſpear's* time, that many of his words, and more of his Phraſes, are ſcarce intelligible. And of thoſe which we underſtand ſome are ungrammatical, others courſe; and his whole ſtile is [coarſe] ſo peſter'd with Figurative expreſſions, that it is as affected as it is obſcure. 'Tis true, that in his later Plays he had worn off ſomewhat of the ruſt; but the Tragedy which I have undertaken to correct, was, in all probability, one of his firſt endeavours on the Stage.

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Shakeſpeare, (as I hinted) in the Aprenticeship of his Writing, model'd it into that Play, which is now call'd by the [Chancer's ſtory] name of *Troilus* and *Creſſida*; but ſo lamely is it left to us, that it is not divided into Acts: which fault I aſcribe to the Actors, who Printed it after *Shakeſpear's* death; and that too, ſo careleſly, that a more uncorrect Copy I never ſaw. For the Play it ſelf, the Author ſeems to have begun it with ſome fire; the Characters of *Pandarus* and *Therſites*, are promiſing enough; but as if he grew weary of his taſk, after an Entrance or two, he lets 'em fall: and the later part of the Tragedy is nothing but a confuſion of Drums and Trumpets, Excurſions and Alarms.

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The chief persons, who give name to the Tragedy, are left alive: *Cressida* is false, and is not punish'd. Yet after all, because the Play was *Shakespear's*, and that there appear'd in some places of it, the admirable Genius of the Author; I undertook to remove that heap of Rubbish, under which many excellent thoughts lay wholly bury'd. (Sign. A 4, back.)

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I will not weary my Reader with the Scenes which are added [&c.]: but I cannot omit the last Scene in it, which is almost half the Act, betwixt *Troilus* and *Heclor*. The occasion of raising it was hinted to me by Mr. *Betterton*: the contrivance and working of it was my own. They who think to do me an injury, by saying that it is an imitation of the Scene betwixt *Brutus* and *Cassius*, do me an honour, by supposing I could imitate the incomparable *Shakespear*: but let me add, that if *Shakespear's* Scene, or that faulty copy of it in *Amintor* and *Melantius* had never been, yet *Euripides* had furnish'd me with an excellent example in his *Iphigenia*, between *Agamemnon* and *Menelaus*: and from thence indeed, the last turn of it is borrow'd. The occasion which *Shakespear*, *Euripides*, and *Fletcher*, have all taken, is the same; grounded upon Friendship: and the quarrel of two virtuous men, raised by natural degrees, to the extremity of passion, is conducted in all three, to the declination of the same passion; and concludes with a warm renewing of their Friendship. But the particular ground-work which *Shakespear* has taken, is incomparably the best: Because he has not only chosen two the greatest Heroes of their Age; but has likewise interested the Liberty of *Rome*, and their own honors, who were the redeemers of it, in this debate. And if he has made *Brutus*, who was naturally a patient man, to fly into excess at first; let it be remembered in his defence, that just before, he has receiv'd the news of *Portia's* death, whom the Poet on purpose neglecting a little Chronology, supposes to have dy'd

before *Brutus*, only to give him an occasion of being more easily exasperated. Add to this, that the injury he had receiv'd from *Cassius*, had long been brooding in his mind; and that a melancholy man, upon consideration of an affront, especially from a Friend, would be more eager in his passion, than he who had given it, though [the latter be] naturally more choleric. (Sign. a.)

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How defective *Shakepear* and *Fletcher* have been in all their Plots, Mr. *Rymer* has discover'd in his *Criticisms*: * *

The difference between *Shakepear* and *Fletcher* in their Plotting seems to be this; that *Shakepear* generally moves more terror, and *Fletcher* more compassion: For the first had a more Masculine, a bolder and more fiery Genius; the Second a more soft and Womanish. In the mechanic beauties of the Plot, which are the Observation of the three Unities, Time, Place, and Action, they are both deficient; but *Shakepear* most. *Ben. Johnson* reform'd those errors in his Comedies, yet one of *Shakepear's* was Regular before him: which is, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. For what remains concerning the design, you are to be refer'd to our English Critic. (Sign. a 3.)

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A character, or that which distinguishes one man from all others, cannot be suppos'd to consist of one particular Virtue, or Vice, or passion only; but 't is a composition of qualities which are not contrary to one another in the same person: thus the same man may be liberal and valiant, but not liberal and covetous; so in a Comical character, or humour, (which is an inclination to this, or that particular folly) *Falstaff* is a liar, and a coward, a Glutton, and a Buffon, because all these qualities may agree in the same man; (Sign. a 4.) * * * 'Tis one of the excellencies of *Shakepear*, that the manners of his persons are generally apparent; and you see their bent and inclinations * * * Our *Shakepear*, having ascrib'd to *Henry the Fourth* the character of a King, and of a Father, gives him the perfect

manners of each Relation, when either he tranſacts with his Son, or with his Subjects. (Sign. a 4, back.)

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To return once more to *Shakeſpear*; no man ever drew ſo many characters, or generally diſtinguiſhed 'em better from one another, excepting only *Johnſon*: I will inſtance but in one, to ſhow the copiouſneſs of his Invention; 't is that of *Calyban*, or the Monſter in the *Tempeſt*. He ſeems to have created a perſon which was not in Nature, a boldneſs which at firſt fight would appear intolerable: for he makes him a Species of himſelf, begotten by an *Incubus* on a Witch; but this as I have elſewhere prov'd, is not wholly beyond the bounds of credibility, at leaſt the vulgar ſtile believe it. We have the ſeparated notions of a ſpirit, and of a Witch; (and Spirits according to *Plato*, are veſted with a ſubtil body; according to ſome of his followers, have different Sexes) therefore as from the diſtinct apprehenſions of a Horſe, and of a Man, Imagination has form'd a *Centaur*, ſo from thoſe of an *Incubus* and a *Sorcereſs*, *Shakeſpear* has produc'd his Monſter. Whether or no his Generation can be defended, I leave to Philoſophy; but of this I am certain, that the Poet has moſt judiciously furniſhed him with a perſon, a Language, and a character, which will ſuit him, both by Fathers and Mothers ſide: he has all the diſcontents, and malice of a Witch, and of a Devil; beſides a convenient proportion of the deadly ſins; Gluttony, Sloth, and Luſt, are manifeſt; the dejectedneſs of a ſlave is likewiſe given him, and the ignorance of one bred up in a Deſart Iſland. His perſon is monſtrous, as he is the product of unnatural Luſt; and his language is as hobgoblin as his perſon: in all things he is diſtinguiſhed from other mortals. The characters of *Fletcher* are poor and narrow, in compariſon of *Shakeſpears*; I remember not one which is not borrow'd from him; unleſs you will except that ſtrange mixture of a man in the *King and no King*: So that in this part *Shakeſpear* is gene-

rally worth our Imitation ; and to imitate *Fletcher* is but to Copy after him who was a Copyer. (Sign. b.)

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If *Shakeſpear* be allow'd, as I think he muſt, to have made his Characters diſtinct, it will eaſily be infer'd that he underſtood the nature of the Paſſions : becauſe it has been prov'd already, that confuſ'd paſſions make undiſtinguiſhable Characters : yet I cannot deny that he has his failings ; but they are not ſo much in the paſſions themſelves, as in his manner of expreſſion : he often obſcures his meaning by his words, and ſometimes makes it unintelligible. I will not ſay of ſo great a Poet, that he diſtinguiſh'd not the blown puffy ſtile, from true ſublimity ; but I may venture to maintain that the fury of his fancy often tranſported him, beyond the bounds of Judgment, either in coining of new words and phraſes, or racking words which were in uſe, into the violence of a Catachreſis : 'Tis not that I would explode the uſe of Metaphors from paſſions, for *Longinus* thinks 'em neceſſary to raiſe it ; but to uſe 'em at every word, to ſay nothing without a Metaphor, a Simile, an Image, or deſcription, is I doubt to ſmell a little too ſtrongly of the Buſkin. I muſt be forc'd to give an example of expreſſing paſſion figuratively ; but that I may do it with reſpect to *Shakeſpear*, it ſhall not be taken from anything of his : 't is an exclamation againſt Fortune, quoted in his *Hamlet*, but written by ſome other Poet.

[Out, out, thou ſtrumpet fortune, &c., down to As low as to the Fiends. Act II. ſc. ii. l. 515—519.]

And immediately after, ſpeaking of *Hecuba*, when *Priam* was kill'd before her eyes :

[The mobbled Queen, &c., down to And paſſion in the Gods. Act II. ſc. ii. ll. 524—541.]

What a pudder is here kept in raiſing the expreſſion of trifling thoughts. (Sign. B 2.)

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But *Shakeſpear* does not often thus ; for the paſſions in his

Scene between *Brutus* and *Cassius* are extremely natural, the thoughts are such as arise from the matter, and the expression of 'em not viciously figurative. I cannot leave this Subject before I do justice to that Divine Poet, by giving you one of his passionate descriptions: 't is of *Richard* the Second when he was depos'd, and led in Triumph through the Streets of *London* by *Henry* of *Bullingbrook*: the painting of it is so lively, and the words so moving, that I have scarce read any thing comparable to it, in any other language. Suppose you have seen already the fortunate Usurper passing through the croud, and follow'd by the shouts and acclamations of the people; and now behold King *Richard* entering upon the Scene: consider the wretchedness of his condition, and his carriage in it; and refrain from pity if you can.

[As in a Theatre, &c., down to have pity'd him. *Rich. II.* Act V. sc. i. ll. 23—36.] (Sign. b 3.)

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If *Shakespeare* were stript of all the Bombast in his passions, and dress'd in the most vulgar words, we should find the beauties of his thoughts remaining; if his embroideries were burnt down, there would still be silver at the bottom of the melting-pot: but I fear (at least, let me fear it for my self) that we who Ape his sounding words, have nothing of his thought, but are all out-side; there is not so much as a dwarf within our Giants cloaths. Therefore, let not *Shakespeare* suffer for our sakes; 't is our fault, who succeed him in an Age which is more refin'd, if we imitate him so ill, that we copy his failings only, and make a virtue of that in our Writings, which in his was an imperfection.

For what remains, the excellency of that Poet was, as I have said, in the more manly passions; *Fletcher's* in the softer: *Shakespeare* writ better betwixt man and man; *Fletcher*, betwixt man and woman: consequently, the one describ'd friendship better; the other love: yet *Shakespeare* taught *Fletcher* to write love; and *Juliet*, and *Desdemona*, are Originals. 'T is true, the

Scholar had the softer soul; but the Master had the kinder. Friendship is both a virtue, and a Passion essentially; love is a passion only in its nature, and is not a virtue but by Accident: good nature makes Friendship; but effeminacy Love. *Shakespeare* had an Universal mind, which comprehended all Characters and Passions; *Fletcher* a more confin'd, and limited: for though he treated love in perfection, yet Honour, Ambition, Revenge, and generally all the stronger Passions, he either touch'd not, or not Masterly. To conclude all; he was a Limb of *Shakespeare*. (Sign. b 3, back.)

Troilus and Cressida, or, Truth found too late. A Tragedy, by John Dryden. 1679. Preface (The Grounds of Criticism in Tragedy).

JOHN DRYDEN, 1679.

See, my lov'd Britons, see your *Shakespeare* rise,
 An awful ghofst confes'd to human eyes!
 Unnam'd, methinks, diftinguifh'd I had been
 From other shades, by this eternal green,
 About whose wreaths the vulgar Poets strive,
 And with a touch, their wither'd Bays revive.
 Untaught, unpractis'd, in a barbarous Age,
 I found not, but created firft the Stage.
 And, if I drain'd no Greek or Latin ftore,
 'Twas, that my own abundance gave me more.
 On foreign trade I needed not rely,
 Like fruitful Britain, rich without fupply.
 In this my rough-drawn Play, you fhall behold
 Some Mafter-ftrokes, fo manly and fo bold,
 That h, who meant to alter, found 'em fuch,
 He fhook; and thought it Sacrilege to touch.
 Now, where are the Succelfors to my name?
 What bring they to fill out a Poet's fame?
 Weak, fhort-liv'd iffues of a feeble Age;
 Scarce living to be Chriften'd on the Stage!

Troilus and Cressida or Truth found too late, by John Dryden.
 1679. Prologue, Spoken by Betterton representing the Ghost
 of *Shakespeare*.

As Dryden here calls up the Ghost of Shakespeare, fo does Bevill Higgons, a fcore of years later, call up "The Ghosts of *Shakespeare* and Dryden Crown'd with Lawrel" to fpeak his prologue to George Granville Lord Lansdowne's adaptation of *the Merchant of Venice*. See "*The Jew of Venice: a Comedy*. As it is acted at the Theatre in Little Lincolns-Inn-Fields. By His Majesty's Servants." 1713 (1st Ed. 1701). This is perhaps the worft of the feries of plays adapted from Shakespeare.

JOHN MARTYN,
HENRY HERRINGMAN, } 1679.
RICHARD MARIOT, }

If our care and endeavours to do our Authors right (in an incorrupt and genuine Edition of their Works) and thereby to gratifie and oblige the Reader, be but requited with a suitable entertainment, we shall be encourag'd to bring *Ben Johnson's* two volumes into one, and publish them in this form; and also to reprint *Old Shakespear*: both which are designed by

yours,

Ready to serve you,

*The Booksellers to the Reader. Prefixed to the Second Edition
of Beaumont and Fletcher's Works. 1679. [Fo.]*

JOHN WILMOT, EARL OF ROCHESTER,
? 1679 OR 1680.

[Begins one of his letters to Hon. Henry Savile thus,—]

Harry,

If Sack and Sugar be a Sin, God help the Wicked; was the saying of a merry fat Gentleman, who liv'd in Days of Yore, lov'd a Glafs of Wine, wou'd be merry with a Friend, and sometimes had an unlucky Fancy for a Wench.

Works of John, Earl of Rochester. Familiar Letters, 1714. p. 134.

[This letter is not itself dated, but several in the collection of those addressed to Savile are dated either 1679 or 1680. Falstaff's saying is in 1 *Henry IV*, Act II. sc. iv. l. 450. L. T. S.]

NAHUM TATE, 1680.

What I have already asserted concerning the necessity of Learning to make a compleat Poet, may seem inconsistent with my Reverence for our *Shakespear*.

—*Cujus amor semper mihi crescit in Horas.*

I confess I con'd never yet get a true account of his Learning, and am apt to think it more than Common Report allows him. I am sure he never touches on a Roman Story, but the Persons, the Passages, the Manners, the Circumstances, the Ceremonies, all are Roman. And what Relishes yet of a more exact Knowledge, you do not only see a Roman in his Heroe, but the particular Genius of the Man, without the least mistake of his Character, given him by their best Historians. You find his *Anthony* in all the Defects and Excellencies of his Mind, a Souldier, a Reveller, Amorous, sometimes Rash, sometimes Considerate, with all the various Emotions of his Mind. His *Brutus* agen has all the Constancy, Gravity, Morality, Generosity, Imaginable, without the least Mixture of private Interest or Irregular Passion. He is true to him, even in the imitation of his Oratory, the famous Speech which he makes him deliver, being exactly agreeable to his manner of expressing himself; of which we have this account, *Facultas ejus erat Militaris & Bellicis accommodata Tumultibus.*

But however it far'd with our Author for Book-Learning, 'tis evident that no man was better studied in Men and Things, the most useful Knowledge for a *Dramatic* Writer. He was a most diligent Spie upon Nature, trac'd her through her darkest

Recesses, pictur'd her in her just Proportion and Colours; in which Variety 'tis impossible that all shou'd be equally pleasant, 'tis sufficient that all be proper.

Of his absolute Command of the Passions, and Mastery in distinguishing of Characters, you have a perfect Account in that most excellent Criticism before, *Troylus and Cressida*: If any Man be a lover of *Shakespear* and covet his Picture, there you have him drawn to the Life; but for the Eternal Plenty of his Wit on the same Theam, I will only detain you with a few instances of his Reflections on the Person, and Cruel Practices of *Richard the Third*. [Several quotations from that play follow.]

The Loyal General, a Tragedy, 1680. Address to Edward Tayler. Sign. A 4, back.

[The spirit of Tate's criticism of Shakespere's historical characters is exactly opposite to that of Rymer, noticed before, p. 367.

Tate "new-modelled" several of the plays of Shakespere, for whom he professed such reverence; from two of these, quotations are given on pp. 390—392; another is *The History of King Richard the Second*, which was acted under the name of *The Sicilian Usurper*, and printed 1681; having been prohibited on the stage on the third day, he vindicates himself in the dedication by falling back upon "the immortal spirit of its first-Father." "I fell upon the new-modelling of this Tragedy, (as I had just before done on the *History of King Lear*) charm'd with the many Beauties I discover'd in it, which I knew wou'd become the Stage; with as little design of Satyr on present Transactions, as *Shakespear* himself that wrote this Story before this Age began." He goes on, "Our *Shakespear* in this Tragedy, bated none of his characters an Ace of the Chronicle; he took care to shew 'em no worse Men than They were, but represents them never a jot better." (sign. A), and he proceeds to point out some of his own alterations. L. T. S.]

THOMAS OTWAY, 1680.

Our *Shakespear* wrote too in an age as blest,
 The happiest poet of his time, and best,
 A gracious Prince's favour chear'd his Muse,
 A constant Favour he ne'er fear'd to lose.
 Therefore he wrote with Fancy unconfin'd,
 And Thoughts that were Immortal as his Mind.
 And from the Crop of his luxuriant Pen
 E'er since succeeding Poets humbly glean.
 Though much the most unworthy of the Throng,
 Our this day's Poet fears h'has done him wrong.
 Like greedy Beggars that steal Sheaves away,
 You'll find h'has rifl'd him of half a Play.
 Amidst this baser Drofs you'll see it shine
 Most beautiful, amazing, and Divine.
 To such low Shifts of late are Poets worn,
 Whilst we both Wit's and *Cæsar's* absence mourn.
 Oh! when will He and Poetry return?
 When shall we there again behold him sit,
 Midst shining Boxes and a Courtly Pit,
 The Lord of Hearts and President of Wit?

The History and fall of Caius Marius [altered from
Romeo and Juliet.] 1692. Prologue. [4to.]

SIR WILLIAM TEMPLE, 1680—1690.

I do not wonder * * that so many should cry, and with down right Tears, at some Tragedies of *Shake-spear*, and so many more should feel such Turns or Curdling of their Blood, upon the reading or hearing some excellent Pieces of Poetry.

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Shake-spear was the first that opened this Vein (the vein of Humour) upon our Stage, which has run so freely and so pleasantly ever since, that I have often wondered to find it appear so little upon any others, being a Subject so proper for them; since Humour is but a Picture of particular Life, as Comedy is of general.

Miscellanea, Second Part. Essay IV, On Poetry. 1690. pp. 12, 54. [8vo.] [3rd edition, 1692, pp. 314, 356.]

JOHN AUBREY, *about 1680.*

Mr William Shakespeare was wont to goe into Warwickshire once a yeare, and did commonly in his journey lye at this house in Oxon. [the Crowne Taverne kept by John Davenant] where he was exceedingly respected. [I have heard parson Robert say that Mr. Wm. Shakespeare having given him a hundred kisses]¹ Now Sr. Wm. would sometimes, when he was pleasant over a glasse of wine with his most intimate friends, —e.g. Sam: Butler, (author of Hudibras) &c.,—say, that it seemed to him that he writt with the very spirit that Shakespear [did], and was² contented enough to be thought his Son: he would tell them the story as above.

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Mr. William Shakespear was borne at Stratford upon Avon, in the County of Warwick; his father was a Butcher, and I have been told heretofore by some of the neighbours, that when he was a boy he exercised his father's Trade, but when he kill'd a Calfe he would doe it in a high style, and make a Speech. There was at that time another Butcher's son in this Towne that was held not at all inferior to him for a naturall witt, his acquaintance and coetanean, but dyed young. This Wm. being inclined naturally to Poetry and acting, came to London, I guesse, about 18: and was an Actor at one of the Play-houses, and did act exceedingly well: now B. Johnson was never a good Actor, but an excellent Instructor. He began early to make essays at Dramatique Poetry, w^{ch} at that time was very lowe, and his Playes tooke well. He was a handsome well shap't man; very good

¹ [The words between [] are crossed through with the pen in the MS. L. T. S.]

² [The word "seemed" is written above the word "was" in the MS. L. T. S.]

company, and of a very readie and pleafant fmoother Witt. The Humour of . . . the Conftable, in a *Midsomer-Night's Dreame*, he happened to take at Grenden,¹ in Bucks, w^{ch} is the roade from London to Stratford, and there was living that Conftable about 1642, when I firft came to Oxon. Mr. Jos. Howe is of y^r parifh, and knew him. Ben Johnfon and he did gather Humours of men dayly wherever they came. One time as he was at the Tavern, at Stratford fuper Avon, one Combes, an old rich Ufurer, was to be buryed, he makes there this extemporary Epitaph,

Ten in the Hundred the Devill allowes,
But Combes will have twelve, he fwears and vowes :
If any one afkes who lies in this Tombe,
' Hoh ! ' quoth the Devill, ' 'Tis my John o Combe.'

He was wont to goe to his native Country once a yeare. I thinke I have been told that he left 2 or 300 ^{li} per annum there and thereabout to a fifter. I have heard S^r Wm. Davenant and Mr. Thomas Shadwell (who is counted the beft Comœdian we have now) fay, that he had a moft prodigious Witt, and did admire his naturall parts beyond all other Dramaticall writers. He was wont to fay, That he never blotted out a line in his life; fayd Ben Johnfon, ' I wifh he had blotted out a thoufand.' His Comœdies will remaine witt as long as the Englifh tongue is underftood; for that he handles *mores hominum*: now our pre- fent writers refleâ fo much upon particular perfons, and cox- combeities, that 20 yeares hence they will not be underftood. Though, as Ben Johnfon fayes of him, that he had but little Latine and leffe Greeke, He underftood Latine pretty well: for he had been in his yonger yeares a Schoolmafter in the Countrey.²

Aubrey Manuscripts: No. 4, pp. 27 & 78, Bodleian Library, Oxford. Printed in "Letters written by Eminent persons," 1813. Vol. II. pp. 303, 537. Fac simile of MS. of the second extract in Halliwell's Works of Shakspeare, 1853, [fol.] Vol. I. p. 76.

¹ I thinke it was Midsomer night that he happened to lye there.

² From Mr. Beeston.

We have the testimony of Pope to the prevalence of this story in his day. We read under date 1728-30 in Rev. Joseph Spence's *Anecdotes, Observations, and Characters* (Ed. 1820, p. 23),

"That notion of Sir William Davenant being more than a poetical child only of Shakespeare was common in town, and Sir William himself seemed fond of having it taken for truth."

Again, under date 1742-3, we have the following anecdote attributed to Pope (p. 259):

"Shakspeare, in his frequent journeys between London and his native place, Stratford-upon-Avon, used to lie at Davenant's, the Crown, in Oxford. He was very well acquainted with Mrs. Davenant : and her son, afterwards Sir William, was supposed to be more nearly related to him than as a godson only. One day, when Shakespeare was just arrived, and the boy sent for from school to him, a head of one of the Colleges, (who was pretty well acquainted with the affairs of the family), met the child running home, and asked him, whither he was going in so much haste? the boy said, 'to my Godfather, Shakespeare'—'Fie, child,' (says the old gentleman), 'why are you so superfluous? have you not learned yet that you should not use the name of God in vain?'"

Probably this story is but a renovated version of one recorded by John Taylor (*Workes*, Ed. 1630, ii. 184): where the "godfather" in question was "goodman Digland the gardiner."

Oldys writes :

"If tradition may be trusted, Shakespeare often baited at the Crown Inn or tavern in Oxford, in his journey to and from London. The landlady was a woman of great beauty and sprightly wit ; and her husband, Mr. John Davenant (afterwards mayor of that city), a grave, melancholy man ; who, as well as his wife, used much to delight in Shakespeare's pleasant company. Their son, young Will. Davenant (afterwards Sir William), was then a little school-boy in the town, of about seven or eight years old, and so fond also of Shakspeare, that, whenever he heard of his arrival, he would fly from school to see him. One day an old townsman observing the boy running homeward almost out of breath, asked him whither he was posting in that heat and hurry. He answered to see his *god*-father Shakspeare. 'There is good boy,' said the other, 'but have a care that you don't take *God's* name in vain.' This story Mr. Pope told me at the Earl of Oxford's table and he quoted Mr. Betterton the player for his authority." —Memoir of Wm. Oldys, together with his Diary, Choice Notes, &c., reprinted from *Notes and Queries*, 1862. Choice Notes, p. 44.

“A PERSON OF HONOUR,” 1681.

I can't, without infinite ingratitude to the Memory of those excellent persons, omit the first Famous Masters in't, of our Nation, Venerable *Shakefpear* and the great *Ben Johnson* : I have had a particular kindness always for most of *Shakefpear's* Tragedies, and for many of his Comedies, and I can't but say that I can never enough admire his Stile (considering the time he writ in) and the great alteration that has been in the Refineing of our Language since) for he has expressed himself so very well in't that 'tis generally approv'd of still ; and for maintaining of the Characters of the persons, design'd, I think none ever exceeded him.

“*An Essay on Dramatick Poetry,*” appended to *Amaryllis to Tityrus. Being the First Heroick Harangue of the excellent pen of Monsieur Scudery. A Witty and Pleasant Novel. Englished by a Person of Honour.* 1681. pp. 66, 67. [Sm : 8vo.]

Georges de Scudery and his sister were once popular French writers, whose works were translated for the English public. The former wrote a work called *Curia Politia*, and many poems and plays, as *Alaric*, *L'Amour Tyrannique*, *La Mort de César*, &c. Boileau thus refers to the brother and sister :

“*Bien heureux Scudery, dont la fertile plume
Peut tous les mois sans peine enfanter un volume.*”

[The above quotation is, however, from the *Essay on Dramatic Poetry*, which is evidently from the pen of the translator, and not written by Scudery. L. T. S.]

BALLAD ON THE DUKE OF MONMOUTH, 1681.

This Duke.
 Though now he cuts his Capers high,
 He may with *Falstaff* one day cry,
 (When Age hath fet him in the Stocks)
*A Pox of my Gout, a Gout on my Pox.*¹
 [Yet that Fat Knight with all his Guts,
 That were not then so sweet as Nuts,
 Though oft he boldly fought and winkt,
 [F]Led *Harry M[onmouth]*—by Instinct²;
 Reveres a Buckram Prince of *Wales*,
 His great Heart quops, his Courage fails.]
 The Lyon Rampant is too wife,
 To touch a Prince, though in Disguise :³
 Much less a Prince so kind and civil,
 To touch a Kingdom for Kings-Evil.

*A Canto on the new Miracle wrought by the D[uke] of M[onmouth],
 in curing a young Wench of the King's Evil.*
*Bagford Collection, III. 78 ; reprinted for the Ballad Society by Rev.
 J. W. Ebsworth in the Bagford Ballads, pp. 803, 804.*

[Mr. Ebsworth has restored the six lines in [] from a copy of the ballad in "Loyal Poems," 1685, in his own collection.

As to "quops," he says, "it sometimes seems to signify *throbs* or *stirs*, but here perhaps it means the contrary, ceases to throb." The allusions are to the First and Second plays of *Henry Fourth*. 1, Second Part, Act i. sc. 2. 2 and 3, First Part, Act ii. sc. 4.

(This extract is due to Mr. Furnivall.) L. T. S.]

HERACLITUS RIDENS, 1681.

Jest. Then here are a world of Irons in the fire, 'tis well if some of 'em do not burn, and some-body do not burn their fingers, but let the Bees look to that, as honest Sir *John Falstaff* says.

Heraclitus Ridens ; a Dialogue between Jest and Earnest, concerning the Times. No. 2, Feb. 8, 1681.

[The above conclusion by *Jest* comes at the end of a number of statements (put in the form of Queries) on the political and religious affairs of the day.
L. T. S.]

J. CROWN, 1681.

To day we bring old gather'd Herbs, 'tis true,
 But such as in sweet *Shakespears* Garden grew.
 And all his Plants immortal you esteem,
 Your Mouthes are never out of taste with him.
 Howe're to make your Appetites more keen,
 Not only oily Words are sprinkled in ;
 But what to please you gives us better hope,
 A little Vineger against the Pope.

For by his feeble Skill 'tis built alone,
 The Divine *Shakefpear* did not lay one stone.

*Henry the Sixth, by J. Crown. [4to.] 1681. Prologues
 to Parts I and II.*

[Crown was evidently a great admirer of Shakespere. In the Prologue to his *Thyestes*, a *tragedy*, 1681, he says, to spite the critics,—

“ You upstart Sectaries of wit cry down
 What has for twenty ages had renown.
 The world will ask (in scorn of your dispraise)
 Where was your wit, Sirs, before *Shakespears* days?
 Mo matter where, we'l say y'have excellent sence,
 If you will please to let us get your pence.
 We like the Pope regard not much your praise,
 He tickets sells for Heaven, and we for Plays.” L. T. S.]

NAHUM TATE, 1681.

Nothing but the Power of your Perswasion, and my Zeal for all the Remains of *Shakepear*, cou'd have wrought me to so bold an Undertaking. I found that the New-modelling of this Story, wou'd force me sometimes on the difficult Task of making the chiefest Persons speak something like their Character, on Matter whereof I had no Ground in my Author. *Lear's* real and *Edgar's* pretended Madneſs have ſo much of *extravagant Nature* (I know not how elſe to expreſs it) as cou'd never have ſtarted but from our *Shakepear's* Creating Fancy. The Images and Language are ſo odd and ſurprizing, and yet ſo agreeable and proper, that whilſt we grant that none but *Shakepear* cou'd have form'd ſuch Conceptions; yet we are ſatisfied that they were the only Things in the World that ought to be ſaid on thoſe Occaſions.

*Dedication ("To my eſteemed Friend Tho. Botcher, Eſq.")
of the History of King Lear. 1681.*

NAHUM TATE, 1681.

he that did this Evenings Treat prepare,
 Bluntly resolv'd before-hand to declare
 Your Entertainment should be most old Fare.
 Yet hopes, since in rich *Shakeſpear's* foil it grew,
 'Twill reliſh yet, with thoſe whoſe Taſts are True,
 And his Ambition is to pleaſe a Few.
 If then this Heap of Flow'rs ſhall chance to wear
 Freſh Beauty in the Order they now bear,
 E'en this [is] *Shakeſpear's* Praise; each Ruſtick knows
 'Mongſt plenteous Flow'rs a Garland to Compoſe,
 Which ſtrung by his courſe Hand may fairer Show
 But 'twas a Power Divine firſt made 'em Grow.

Prologue to the History of King Lear,
by N. Tate. 1681. [4to.]

[Charles Knight, in his chapter on *King Lear* (*Studies of Shakspeare*, 1849, p. 344), says that notwithstanding the metamorphosis and degradation of that play by Tate, whom he calls an "English word-joiner," that "his 'Lear' was ever the 'Lear' of the playhouse, until Mr. Macready ventured upon a modern heresy in favour of Shakspeare." See note to p. 380-L. T. S.]

NAHUM TATE, 1682.

I impose not on your Lordship's Protection a work meerly of my own Compiling; having in this Adventure Launcht out in *Shakefpear's* Bottom. Much of what is offered here, is Fruit that grew in the Richness of his Soil; and what ever the Superstructure prove, it was my good fortune to build upon a Rock.

Ingratitude of a Commonwealth, or the Fall of Caius Martius Coriolanus. 1682. [4to.]
Dedication to Charles, Lord Herbert. Sign. A 2.

SIR GEORGE RAYNSFORD, 1682.

Our Author do's with modesty submit
 To all the Loyal Criticks of the Pit,

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Yet he presumes we may be safe to Day,
 Since *Shakefpear* gave Foundation to the Play:
 'Tis alter'd—and his sacred Ghost appeal'd;
 I with you All as easily were pleas'd:

Prologue to the above.

ALEXANDER RADCLIFFE, 1682.

To *Play-Houfes* thou now fhalt bid adieu,
Although the Farce be gay enough and new,
Ne're before Acted, brings thee not among
Thofe that fell Two and Six-pence for a Song.
No Idle Scenes fit bufie times as thefe,
Instead of *Playes* we now converfe with *Pleas* ;
And 't's thought the laft do favour more of Wit,
For thofe have Plots to fpend, but thefe to get.
(Give way, Great *Shakefpear*, and immortal *Ben*,
To *Doe* and *Roe*, *John Den* and *Richard Fen*.)

*The Sword's Farewell, contained in The Ramble: an
Anti-Heroick Poem. 1682. pp. 118, 119.*

JOHN SHEFFIELD, EARL OF MULGRAVE, 1682.

Plato and *Lucian* are the best remains
 Of all the wonders which this art contains ;
 Yet to our selves we justice must allow,
Shakefpear and *Fletcher* are the wonders now :
 Consider them, and read them o're and o're,
 Go see them play'd, then read them as before.
 For though in many things they grossly fail,
 Over our Passions still they so prevail,
 That our own grief by theirs is rockt asleep,
 The dull are forc'd to feel, the wise to weep.
 Their Beauties Imitate, avoid their faults ;

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The other way's too common, oft we see
 A fool derided by as bad as he ;
 Hawks fly at nobler game, but in his way,
 A very *Owl* may prove a Bird of prey ;
 Some *Poets* so will one poor Fop devour ;
 But to Collect, like Bees from every flower,
 Ingredients to compose that precious juice,
 Which serves the world for pleasure and for use,
 In spite of faction this will favour get,
 But *Falstaff* seems unimitable yet.

An Essay upon Poetry. 1682. [4to.] pp. 14 & 16.

Sheffield was Earl of Mulgrave from 1658 to 1694, and not Duke of Buckinghamshire till 1703.

JOHN BANKS, 1682.

I say not this to derogate from those excellent Persons, who, I ought to believe, have written more to please their Audiences, than themselves; but to persuade them, as *Homer*, and our *Shakespear* did, to immortalize the Places where they were born;

Vertue Betray'd, or Anna Bullen: a Tragedy.
Dedication, 1682—92.

CHARLES DE ST. DENIS, SIEUR DE
ST. EVREMOND, 1682.

J'ai toujours eu sur la conscience d'avoir soupçonné que vos Yeux pouvoient l'user à la Bassète.
* * votre Beauté est incapable de recevoir aucune altération * * N'apprehendez pas, Madame, de perdre vos charmes à *Newmarket*; montez à cheval dez cinq heures du matin; galopez dans la foule à toutes les Courfes qui se feront; enrouiez-vous à crier plus haut que Mylord *Thomond* aux Combats des Coqs; usez vos poulmons à pouffer des *Done* à droit et à gauche; entendez tous les foirs ou la Comédie de *Henri VIII** ou celle de la Reine *Elizabeth*; † crevez-vous d'Huitres à souper, & passez les nuits entières sans dormir; votre Beauté qui est échapée à la Bassète de Monsieur *Morin*, se fauvera bien des fatigues de *Newmarket*.

* Composée par le fameux *Shakspear*, mort en 1616.
† Composée par *Thomas Heywood*, qui fleurisait sous les Règnes d'*Elizabeth* & de *Jaques I.* Toutes les Pièces de Théâtre de ces tems-là sont extrêmement longues et fort ennuyeuses.

Lettre à Madame la Duchesse Mazarin, Œuvres Meslées de St. Evremond, Londres, 1705. Vol. II. pp. 305, 306. [1st edition, by Des Maizeaux.]

[*Bassete* was a game at cards introduced into England by Mons. Morin in 1681, and of which the Duchess of Mazarin was passionately fond. The witty St. Evremond in thus assuring Madame Mazarin that her beauty was proof against all these dissipations, acquaints us with the fact that *Henry VIII* must have been at this time a popular play much resorted to; even if she ventured there by way of finishing up his imaginary day at *Newmarket*, she would be none the worse for it.

He uses the word comedy for "play" in a general sense; he applies it also to Thomas Heywood's historical play of Queen Elizabeth. That it was Shakespere's *Henry VIII* we are informed by the note appended by his friend Des Maizeaux, who does not appear to have shared the more favourable opinion of English drama expressed by St. Evremond in his *Essay on English Comedy*. Malone states that King Henry VIII was without doubt sometimes represented between 1682—1695 (*Historical Account of the English Stage*, 1821, p. 290), and from a list of Sir H. Herbert's we learn that it had been a "Revived" play in 1663 (*ib.* p. 276).¹ There were one or two other pieces on the same or a like subject, *vis.* an Entlude of K. Henry 8th, entered on the Stationer's Register, 12 Feb. 1604-5; and Samuel Rowley's *When you see me you know me, or the famous chronicle History of Henry VIII*, 1605. Henry Chettle's *Life of Cardinal Wolsey*, 1601, was probably the play mentioned by Robert Gell in 1628 (before, p. 169), and could not be the "comedy" referred to by St. Evremond; and the "Rising of Cardinal Wolsey," partly written by Anthony Munday, was put out subsequently as Part I to Chettle's drama. (See Henslowe's *Diary*, Shakespeare Society's edition, pp. 189, 202, 204.)

In his short essay on English Comedy, written in 1677, St. Evremond does not refer to Shakespere by name, but Dr. Jules Jusserand suggests that he may probably have had the *Merchant of Venice* in his mind when he wrote, after speaking of Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair* and Shadwell's *Epsom Wells*—"There are some other plays which have in a manner two Arguments, that are brought in so ingeniously the one into the other, that the mind of the Spectators (which might be offended by too sensible a change finds nothing but satisfaction in the agreeable variety they produce." English translation of 1685, p. 17. See also *Œuvres de St. Evremond, par Des Maiseaux*, Amsterdam, 1726, tom. III. p. 280. L. T. S.]

¹ See too Pepys, before, p. 324. It was probably Davenant's re-cast of the play that still kept the stage in 1682.

JOHN DRYDEN, 1684.

Your *Ben* and *Fletcher* in their first young flight
 Did no *Volpone*, no *Arbaces* write.
 But hopp'd about, and short excursions made }
 From Bough to Bough, as if they were afraid, }
 And each were guilty of some *slighted Maid*. }
Shakeſpear's own Muſe her *Pericles* firſt bore,
 The Prince of *Tyre* was elder than the *Moore* :
 'Tis miracle to ſee a firſt good Play,
 All Hawthorns do not bloom on *Chriſtmas-day*.
 A ſlender Poet muſt have time to grow,
 And ſpread and burniſh as his Brothers do.
 Who ſtill looks lean, ſure with ſome Pox is curſt,
 But no Man can be *Falſtaff* fat at firſt.

Prologue to Charles Davenant's Circe. Miscellany Poems, 1684. p. 292. [In the Bodleian Library.]

[A Prologue was written by Dryden to C. Davenant's *Circe*, but he afterwards much altered it (Scott's edition of Dryden's Works, Vol. X. 333, 335). The altered Prologue, of which the above are the 11th to 23rd lines, is not found prefixed to either of the three first editions of Charles Davenant's *Circe* (1677, 1685, 1703); though Mr. Christie erroneously states that "both forms of the Prologue were published with the play in 1677" (Globe edition of Dryden's Poetical Works, p. 431). The earliest printed form appears to be that in the "Miscellany Poems" of 1684, where it is not called a Prologue, but "An Epilogue written by Mr. Dryden." L. T. S.]

The Slighted Maid is a comedy by Sir R. Stapylton, first edition [sm. 4to.], 1663. Dryden again mentions it in the Preface to his *Troilus and Cressida*, 1679: "Of this nature is the *Slighted Maid*; where there is no scene in the first Act, which might not by as good reason be in the fifth."

KNIGHTLY CHETWOOD, 1684.

Such was the case when *Chaucer's* early toyl
Founded the *Muses* Empire in our Soyl.
Spencer improv'd it with his painful hand
But *lost* a *Noble Muse* in *Fairy-land*.
Shakspeare say'd all that *Nature* cou'd impart,
And *Johnson* added *Industry* and *Art*.
Cowley, and *Denham* gain'd immortal praise ;
And some who *merit* as they wear, the Bays, [etc.]

*Commendatory Verses prefixed to An Essay on Translated
Verse, by the Earl of Roscommon. 1684. [4to.]*

WILLIAM WINSTANLEY, 1684.

The Life of King *Richard* the Third.

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But as Honour is always attended on by Envy, so hath this worthy Princes fame been blasted by malicious traducers, who like *Shakefpear* in his Play of him, render him dreadfully black in his actions, a monster of nature, rather than a man of admirable parts; (p. 174.)

The Life of Mr. *Wil. Shakespeare*.

This worthy Poet Mr. *Shakespeare*, the glory of the English Stage, [was born at *Stratford* upon *Avon* in *Warwickshire*,] and is the highest honour that Town can boast of; [in whom three eminent Poets may seem in some sort to be compounded. 1. *Martial*, in the warlike sound of his Surname, *Hajii-Filrans* or *Shakespeare*, whence some have conjectured him of Military extraction. 2. *Ovid*, the most natural and witty of all Poets; and hence it was that Queen *Elizabeth* coming into a Grammar-School made this extemporary Verse.

Persius a *Crab-staff*, *Bawdy* *Martial*, *Ovid* a *fine Wag*.

3. *Plautus*, a very exact Comedian, and yet never any Scholar, as our *Shakespeare* (if alive) would confess himself;] but by his conversing with jocular Wits, whereto he was naturally inclined, he became so famously witty, or wittily famous, as without learning, he attained to an extraordinary height in the Comique strain; [yet was he not so much given to Festivity, but he could (when so disposed) be solemn and serious; so that *Heraclitus* himself might afford to smile at his Comedies they were so merry,

and *Democritus* scarce forbear to sigh at his Tradgedies, they were so mournful.]

From an Actor of Tradgedies and Comedies, he became a *Maker*; and such a Maker, that though some others may perhaps pretend to a more exact Decorum and Oeconomie, especially in Tradgedy, never any exprest a more lofty and Tragick height; never any represented Nature more purely to the life, and where the polishments of Art are most wanting, (for as we said before, his learning was not extraordinary) he pleaseth with a certain wild and native Elegance; and in all his writings hath an unvulgar Style, as well in his *Venus and Adonis*, his *Rape of Lucrece*, and other various Poems, as in his *Drammaaticks*.

[He was an eminent instance of the truth of that Rule, *Pœta non fit sed nascitur*, one is not *Made* but *Born* a Poet, so that as *Cornish Diamonds* are not Polished by any Lapidary, but are pointed and smoothed even as they are taken out of the Earth, so Nature it self was all the Art which was used on him.]

(To enumerate his Comedies, they are so many, would be too tedious, that of his *Henry* the fourth, though full of sublime Wit, is very much blamed by some, for making Sir *John Falstaff* the property of pleasure for King *Henry* to abuse, as one that was a *Thrafonical Puff*, and Emblem of mock-valor; though indeed he was a man of Arms, every inch of him, and as Valiant as any in his Age.)

[Many were the Wit Combats betwixt him and *Ben Johnson*, which two we may compare to a *Spanish great Gallion*, and an *English-man of War*, Mr. *Johnson* (like the former) was built far higher in Learning; Solled but slow in his performances; *Shakespeare* with the *English-man of War*, lesser in bulk, but lighter in sailing, could turn with all Tides, tack about and take advantage of all Winds, by the quickness of his Wit and invention. This our famous Comedian died, *Anno Domini* 16 . . . and was buried at *Stratford upon Avon*, the Town of his Nativity,] upon whom one hath bestowed this Epitaph.

Renowned Spenser, lye a thought more nigh [Wm. Basse]
To learned Chaucer, and rare Beaumont lye,
A little nearer Spenser, to make room
For Shakespear, in your threefold, fourfold Tomb,
To lodge all four in one Bed make a shift
Until Dooms-day, for hardly will a fifth
Betwixt this day and that, by Fates be slain,
For whom your Curtains may be drawn again.
If your precedency in death do bar,
A fourth place in your sacred Sepulchar ;
Under this sacred Marble of thine own,
Sleep rare Tragedian Shakespear ! sleep alone,
Thy unmolested peace in an unshar'd Cave.
Passes as Lord not Tenant of thy Grave,
That unto us, and others it may be,
Honour hereafter to be laid by thee.

*England's Worthies. Select Lives Of the most Eminent
 Persons of the English Nation. 1684. pp. 345-7. [8vo.]*

[The passages above marked between [] are, with the alteration of a few words only, taken bodily from Fuller's notice of Shakespere, and the passage between () is ingeniously made up of sentences from Fuller's notice of Fastolf, the Norfolk Knight. See Part III of *The Worthies of England*, 1662; *Warwickshire*, p. 126; *Norfolk*, p. 253. See before, pp. 246, 249.

For Basse's Epitaph, see before, p. 136.

Winstanley places Shakespere the last of four Lives, the others being, Sam. Daniel, Drayton, and Ben Jonson, presenting his readers "with a Quarternion of Poets, such as were of the best rank, endued with parts of admirable perfection, and deservedly coming under the notion of Worthies." In writing of Jonson he thus pays a tribute to Shakespere's genius :

"He was paramount in the Dramatique part of Poetry, and taught the Stage an exact conformity to the Laws of Comedians, being accounted the most learned, judicious, and correct of them all, and the more to be admired for being so, for that neither the height of Natural parts, for he was no *Shakespeare*, nor the cost of extraordinary Education, but his own proper industry and addiction to Books advanced him to this perfection" (p. 343).

Winstanley's feeling as to the traducers of Richard III agrees with a similar sentiment expressed by Sir. W. Cornwallis (see before, p. 41). The Life of Richard III. was in the edition of *England's Worthies* of 1660. The Life of Shakespere is not in that edition. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, 1685.

Let then these *Owls* against the *Eagle* preach,
And blame those *Flights* which they want *Wing* to reach.
Like *Falstaffe* let 'em conquer *Heroes* dead,
And praise *Greek* Poets they cou'd never read.

Valentinian: a Tragedy. As 'tis altered by the late Earl of Rochester [from the play by Beaumont & Fletcher of 1647] 1685. [4to.] Prologue. Spoken by Mrs. Cook the second day. [Written after Rochester's death.]

EDWARD RAVENSCROFT, 1686.

I think it a greater theft to Rob the dead of their Praise, then the Living of their Money. That I may not appear Guilty of such a Crime, 'tis necessary I should acquaint you, that there is a Play in Mr. *ShakeSpears* Volume under the name of *Titus Andronicus*, from whence I drew part of this. I have been told by some anciently conversant with the Stage, that it was not Originally his, but brought by a private Author to be Acted, and he only gave some Master-touches to one or two of the Principal Parts or Characters; this I am apt to believe, because 'tis the most incorrect and indigested piece in all his Works, It seems rather a heap of Rubbish than a Structure.

Titus Andronicus, or the Rape of Lavinia.
1687. [4to.] *To the Reader.*
(Licensed, Dec. 21, 1686.)

WILLIAM FULMAN, AND [RICHARD DAVIES],
about 1688.

William Shakespeare was born at Stratford upon Avon in Warwickshire, about 1563-4. [Much given to all unluckineffe in stealing venifon and Rabbits particularly from S^r Lucy, who had him oft whipt & sometimes Imprisoned & at laft made Him fly his Native Country to his great Advancem^t but His reveng was fo great, that he is his Justice Clodpate, and calls him a great man & y^t in allusion to his name bore three lowfes rampant for his Arms.]

From an Actor of Playes he became a Composer. He dyed Apr. 23, 1616, Ætat. 53, probably at Stratford, for there he is buried and hath a Monument. [on w^{ch} He lays a Heavy curfe upon any one who fhall remoove his bones. He dyed a papift]

Dugd. p. 520.

Fulman Manuscripts (1670—1688), vol. xv. No. 7, p. 22. In the Library of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. (The portions here in brackets are those attributed to Davies.)

This annotator on the *adversaria* of the Rev. William Fulman is believed to have been the Rev. Richard Davies, Rector of Sapperton in Gloucestershire: but his name does not appear on the manuscript. It is in five or six different hands; and only two other annotations, both very short, are in Davies' supposed autograph. Little is known of him. He died in 1708. Fulman died in 1688. By "Justice Clodpate" Davies designates Shakespeare's Shallow. We observe that Dowdall, at the end of his letter to Southwell (quoted after, p. 417), applies the same nickname to one of the sitting judges of the Spring Assize at Warwick, in 1693.

THOMAS BROWNE, 1688.

Eugen. Tho you cannot say *Mr Bays* with the Heroe in *Shakefpear*, that the World's your Oyster, and you have opened it with your Sword; * yet you may safely say the World's your Sheet of Paper, and you have blotted it with your Ink.

(p. 7.)

Crites. But pray *Mr Bays*, what did you say to *Shakefpear*, *Johnson*, & the rest of them? Methinks your new-fettled Monarchy should stand in a great deal of danger, as long as these Authors continued in any respect and authority among the People.

Bays. To prevent, Sir, all storms that might have issued from that quarter, I presently set me up an *Index expurgatorius*
* * I fulminated *Johnsons* affected Style, his dull way of making Love, his Thefts and mean characters: *Shakefpears* Ignorance, long Periods, and Barbarous Language: *Fletchers* want of a Gentlemans Education; so often, you do observe me *Mr Crites*, that scarce one in a hundred had the assurance to offer one good word in their behalf.

(p. 15.)

The Reasons of Mr. Bays changing his Religion 1688 [4to].

* [Pistol, in the *Merry Wives of Windsor*, Act II. sc. ii. l. 2.]

JOHN EVELYN, 12 Aug. 1689.

For there were the Pictures of Fisher, Fox, S^r Tho. More, Tho. Lord Cromwell, Dr. Nowel, &c. And what was most agreeable to his Lo^{ps} general humor, Old Chaucer, Shakspeare, Beaumont and Fletcher, who were both in one piece, Spencer, Mr. Waller, Cowley, Hudibras, which last he plac'd in the roome where he us'd to eate & dine in publiq, most of which, if not all, are at the present at Cornebery, in Oxfordshire;

Letter "To Mr. Pepys," describing the then late Lord Clarendon's house.

Memoirs: Edited by William Bray. 1819. Vol. 2, p. 242.

GERARD LANGBAINE, 1691.

I am only sorry that my Power is not equal to the zeal I have for the memory of those Illustrious Authors, the Clafficks, as well as those later Writers of our own Nation, Mr. *Shakefpear*, *Fletcher*, *Johnson*, *Cowley* &c. that I might be capable of doing them better Service, in vindicating *Their* Fame, and in exposing our Modern *Plagiaries*, by detecting *Part* of their Thefts, (Preface, fign. a 4.)

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Mr. *Dryden's* Plays owe their Advantage to his skill in the French Tongue, or to the Age, rather than his own Conduct, or Performances. Honest *Shakefpear* was not in those days acquainted with those great Wits, *Scudery*, *Calprenede*, *Scarron*, *Corneille*, &c. He was as much a Stranger to French as Latine, (in which, if we believe *Ben Johnson*, he was a very small Proficient;) and yet an humble Story of *Doraftus* and *Faunia* serv'd him for *A Winter's Tale*, as well as *The Grand Cyrus*, or *The Captive Queen*, could furnish out a Laureat for a *Conquest of Granada*. *Shakefpear's Measure for Measure*, however despis'd by Mr. *Dryden*, with his *Much Ado about Nothing*, were believ'd by *S^r William Davenant* to have Wit enough in them to make one good play.¹ (pp. 141-2.)

¹ [Davenant's tragi-comedy called *The Law against Lovers*, 1673, was founded on these two plays. L. T. S.]

WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR.

One of the most Eminent Poets of his Time ; * * *
 His Natural Genius to *Poetry* was so excellent, that like those
 Diamonds¹, which are found in *Cornwall*, Nature had little, or
 no occasion for the Assistance of Art to polish it. The Truth is,
 't is agreed on by most, that his Learning was not extraordinary ;
 and I am apt to believe, that his Skill in the *French* and *Italian*
 Tongues, exceeded his Knowledge in the *Roman* Language :
 * * * so I should think I were guilty of an Injury
 beyond pardon to his Memory, should I so far disparage it, as to
 bring his Wit in competition with any of our Age. * * I shall
 take the Liberty to speak my Opinion, as my predecessors have
 done, of his Works ; which is this, That I esteem his Plays beyond
 any that have ever been published in our Language : and tho' I
 extremely admire *Johnson*, and *Fletcher* ; yet I must still aver,
 that when in competition with *Shakespeare*, I must apply to them
 what *Justus Lipsius* writ in his Letter to *Andræas Schottus*,
 concerning *Terence* and *Plautus*, when compar'd ; *Terentium*
amò, admiror, sed Plautum magis. (Pp. 453-4.)

An Account of the English Dramatick Poets, Oxford.
 1691. [8vo.]

Two copies of Langbaine's *Account* were annotated by the antiquarian
 Oldys. The one which received his second annotations is in the British
 Museum Library. *A propos* of this book, we venture to suggest that it
 would be a very great convenience if the Chief Librarian of the British
 Museum would issue a hand-list of printed books which have manuscript
 annotations ; such as Dr. Thomas Warton's copy of Spenser's works, and
 Tieck's copy of Ben Jonson's works, with the *marginalia* and other notes in
 full.

¹ Dr. *Fuller* in his *Account of Shakespeare*. [See before, p. 246.]

Oldys' notes on Langbaine belong to a period later than our *Centurie*. There is, however, a well-known epigram, said to be by Jonson and Shakespeare, which according to George Steevens, Oldys puts forth as if he had derived it from an authentic source of some antiquity. We have not been able to recover the particular manuscript in which he is said to have given it. In Johnson and Steevens' 2nd Edition of Shakespeare 1778, vol. i. pp. 204-5 (see also Malone's Edition, 1790, vol. i. p. 163), the following is given :

"Verses by Ben Jonson and Shakespeare, occasioned by the motto to the Globe Theatre—*Totus mundus agit histrionem*.

Jonson. If but *stage actors* all the world displays,
Where shall we find *spectators* of their plays?

Shakespeare. Little or much of what we see we do ;
We're all both *actors* and *spectators* too."

According to Steevens, Oldys' authority for these verses is "Poetical Characteristicks, 8vo MS., vol. i., some time in the Harleian Library ; which volume was returned to its owner."

The whole story is suspicious. The alleged "motto to the Globe Theatre" is altered from the *Fragmenta* of Petronius Arbitr. See ed. Peter Burmann, *Trajecti ad Rhenum*, 1709, p. 673. The original words are "quod fere totus mundus exerceat histrionem."

Then again, on the title page of Oldys' *second* copy of Langbaine, we have evidence that Oldys himself wrote the verses: for there we read

"Totus mundus agit histrionem.

If all the world the actor plays,
Who are *Spectators* of its Plays?"

This is again altered by Oldys into

"If but Stage-Actors all the World displays,
Who are allowed *Spectators* of their Plays?"

and finally he has written on the left side margin,

"Little or much of what we see we do,
We are both Actors and Spectators too."

Not a word of Ben Jonson or Shakespeare. Can it be that these two verses were dished up by George Steevens, and assigned by him to Jonson and Shakespeare, as a hoax on his credulous public.

For a full account of Oldys' annotated Langbaine, see *Notes and Queries*, 3rd S., vol. i. p. 81.

JOHN DRYDEN, 1691.

How's this, you cry? an Actor write? we know it;
 But *Shakspear* was an Actor, and a Poet.
 Has not great *Johnsons* learning often fail'd?
 But *Shakspear's* greater Genius still prevail'd.

*The Mistakes, a Tragi-comedy, by Joseph Harris. 1691.
 Prologue writ by Mr. Dryden.*

[Shakespere's genius prevailed, Dryden says, in spite of his having been an Actor. And it must have been this feeling that led the puritan John Howes, formerly Cromwell's chaplain, and (says Dr. Grosart) the most intellectual of nonconformist writers, to pay the following tribute to an author who seems none other than Shakespere. Gloucester's mocking *aside*, (*Richard III*, Act II. sc. ii. l. 109),—

“Amen; and make me die a good old man!
 That is the butt-end of a mother's blessing.”—

was surely in mind when, answering an objector, Howes remarked by the way, “At length he says, ‘The Butt-end of this hypothesis,’ &c. I like not *that Phrase* the worse for the *Author's* sake, of whom it seems borrowed, whose Memory greater things will make live, when we are forgot.” *A View of that Part of the late Considerations addressed to H. H. about the Trinity*, 1695, 8vo. p. 14. (This tract was written in 1694 or 1695, being the last in a controversy on the Trinity.) See *Representative Nonconformists*, by Rev. A. B. Grosart, 1879, p. 104. L. T. S.]

WILLIAM WALSH, 1691.

Let *Mifogynes* appear, at the Head of his Regiment, that makes a worse Figure than *Sir John Falstaffe's*. (p. 166.)

Let [*Mifogynes*] consider the Stories of *Bradamante* in *Ariosto*, of *Aurestilla* in *Consalo de Cepedes*, of *Othello* in *Shakespeare*, and let him see how far Jealousy may seem reasonable, whilst nevertheless the Person of whom they are jealous may be innocent. (p. 205.)

A Dialogue concerning Women, being a Defence of the Sex. 1691.
Printed in *The Works of William Walsh, Esq.* 1736. [8vo.]

[William Walsh was a friend of Dryden and Pope, the former said he was "the best critic of our Nation in his time"; the latter called him

"the Muse's Judge and Friend,
Who justly knew to Blame, or to Commend;
To Failings mild, but zealous for Desert;
The clearest Head, and the sincerest Heart."

(*Elogium*, dated 1708, prefixed to Walsh's Works, 1736.) L. T. S.]

JOHN DRYDEN, 1693.

When I was drawing the Out-Lines of an Art, without any living Master to instruct me in it; an Art which had been better prais'd than studv'd here in *England*, wherein *Shakefpear*, who created the Stage among us, had rather written happily, than knowingly and justly. * * *

And to forgive the many Failings of those, who with their wretched Art, cannot arrive to those Heights that you possess, from a happy, abundant, and native Genius. Which are as inborn to you, as they were to *Shakefpear* * * *

In Tragedy and Satire I offer myself to maintain against some of our Modern Criticks, that this Age and the last, particularly in *England*, have excell'd the Ancients in both those kinds; and I wou'd instance in *Shakefpear* of the former, of your Lordship in the latter sort.

The Satires of Juvenal and Persius, translated into English verse. Dedicacion (or Discourse on Satire) to Charles Earl of Dorset and Middlesex, pp. ii., vii. 1693. [fol.]

JOHN DRYDEN, 1693.

* *Shakepear's*
Picture drawn
by Sir *Godfrey*
Kneller, and
given to the
Author.

Shakepear,* thy Gift, I place before my fight ;
With awe, I ask his Blessing 'ere I write ;
With Reverence look on his Majestick Face ;
Proud to be less ; but of his Godlike Race.
His Soul Inspires me, while thy Praise I write,
And I like *Teucer*, under *Ajax* fight ;
Bids thee through me, be bold ; with dauntless
breast
Contemn the bad, and Emulate the best.
Like his, thy Criticks in th' attempt are lost ;
When most they rail, know then, they envy most.

*To Sir Godfrey Kneller. (Miscellany Poems.) 1694.
Part IV. p. 92.*

PETER ANTHONY MOTTEUX, 1692-3.

'The Merry Wives of Windfor,' an old Play, hath been reviv'd, and was play'd the last day of the year.

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Mr. *Rhymer's* Book which the Ingenious expected with so much Impatience, is publish'd and is call'd, *A Short View of Tragedy, &c.* being dedicated to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Dorset*. Mr. *Rhymer*, like some of the *French* that follow *Aristotle's* Precepts, declares for *Chorus's*, and takes an occasion at examin some Plays of *Shakepear's*, principally *Othello*, with the same feverity and judgment with which he criticised some of *Beaumont and Fletcher's* in his Book called, *The Tragedies of the last Age*. * * The Ingenious are somewhat divided about some Remarks in it, though they concur with Mr. *Rhymer* in many things, and generally acknowledge that he discovers a great deal of Learning through the whole. For these Reasons I must forbear saying any more of it, and refer you to the Book it self.

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We are promised a second Part [of *The Impartial Critick*], wherein Mr. *Dennis* designs to prove, that, tho *Shakepear* had his faults, yet he was a very great Genius, which Mr. *Rymer* seems unwilling to grant. I am only sorry that the time, which the perusal of the many excellencies which are diffus'd thro *Shakepear's* Plays, requires, will keep Mr. *Dennis* very long from giving us that Book.

Gentleman's Journal, January 1693, p. 36. December 1692, p. 15. January, 1693, p. 26.

[See Rymer's two books quoted before, pp. 366, 367.

Motteux, who had acquired a remarkable facility in English, was the projector and editor of the *Gentleman's Journal* (forty years before the appearance of the *Gentleman's Magazine*), and was, says Mr. C. Elliot Browne, "probably the first Frenchman who was able to appreciate our great poet" (*Notes and Queries*, 5 Ser., Vol. ix, p. 163). In printing Sir Charles Sedley's Prologue to Higden's *IVary Widlow*, he says,

"you are too great an Admirer of *Shakespear*, not to assent to the Praises given to the Fruits of his rare *Genius*, of which I may say as *Ovid* to *Gracinus*,

Quos prior est mirata, sequens mirabitur Ætas,
In quorum plausus tota Theatra sonant."

(February, 1693, p. 61.)

See also Mr. C. E. Browne in the *New Quarterly Magazine*, Vol. ix, p. 326. (Jan. 1878.)

We have, however, an earlier reference to Shakespere by a Frenchman, namely, by St. Evremond, ten years earlier than Motteux (see before, p. 396); but that his appreciation of Shakespere went so far as is implied by A. Lacroix (*De L'influence de Shakspeare sur le Théâtre Français*, p. 3) is hardly shown in his writings on English Tragedy and Comedy. Both Motteux and St. Evremond were refugees in England on account of religion, and lived here many years, but the latter, unlike Motteux, knew little of the language.

Mr. Ward, in his *History of English Dramatic Literature*, Vol. I. p. 301, states that Cyrano de Bergerac "had borrowed thoughts and even phrases from Shakspere in his tragedy of *Agrippine*," which was first published in 1654. But, while Corneille and Molière appropriated from Bergerac (who wrote but two plays), his critics, such as P. Lacroix, A. Vitu, and especially Charles Nodier, have no thought that the independent pen of Bergerac himself stole from Shakespere. I am unable to point out any other passages than slight resemblances to parts of Hamlet in the speeches of Agrippine, Act III. sc. i, and Act IV. sc. ii, in which she addresses the spirit of her murdered husband, promising him revenge (*Œuvres de Cyrano de Bergerac*, ed. P. L. Jacob, *Bib. Gauloise*, Paris, 1858, pp. 376, 392); also perhaps her taunt of Sejanus, "Et cette incertitude où mère le trépas"? (p. 409.) L. T. S.]

MR. DOWDALL. APRIL 10, 1693.

the 1st Remarkable place in this County y^e I vifitted was Stratford super avon, where I saw the Effigies of our English tragedian, m^r Shakspeare, parte of his Epitaph I sent m^r Lowther, and Desired he w^{ld} Impart it to you, w^{ch} I finde by his Last Letter he has Done: but here I fend you the whole Inscription.

Just und^r his Effigies in the wall of the chancell is this written.

[Here follows the Inscription, as on page 125 *ante*.]

Neare the wall where his monument is Erected Lyeth a plaine free stone, underneath w^{ch} his bodie is Buried with this Epitaph, made by himselfe a little before his Death.

[Here follows the Inscription, as on page 121 *ante*.]

the clarke that shew'd me this Church is above 80 y^r old; he says that this *Shakespear* was formerly in this towne bound appenti[c]e to a butcher; but that he Run from his master to London, and there was Received Into the playhouse as a serviture, and by this meanes had an oppertunity to be *what* he afterwards prov'd. he was the best of his family, but the male Line is extinguished: not one for feare of the Curse above^d Dare touch his Grave Stone, tho his wife and Daughters Did Earnestly Desire to be Layd in the same Grave wth him.

"Letter" from Mr. Dowdall to Mr. Edw. Southwell, endorsed "Description of Severall places in Warwickshire." Halliwell's Life of Shakespere, 1848, p. 87. Facsimile of the MS. in Halliwell's Works of Shakespeare, 1853 [fol.], Vol. I. p. 78

[The original MS. of Dowdall's "Letter" is in Mr. Halliwell-Phillippe's possession. It was first printed in 1838 by Mr. T. Rodd under the title of "Traditionary Anecdotes of Shakespeare collected in Warwickshire in the year 1693;" this print, however, contains several inaccuracies. L. T. S.]

SIR CHARLES SEDLEY, 1693.

But against old as well as new to rage,
 Is the peculiar Phrensy of this Age.
Shacksphear must down, and you must praise no more
 Soft *Desdemona*, nor the Jealous *Moor* :
Shacksphear whose fruitfull Genius, happy Wit
 Was fram'd and finish't at a lucky hit
 The Pride of Nature, and the shame of Schools,
 Born to Create, and not to Learn from Rules ;
 Must please no more, his Bastards now deride
 Their Fathers Nakedness they ought to hide,
 But when on Spurs their *Pegasus* they force,
 Their Jaded Muse is distanc'd in the Course.

The Wary Widdow, or Sir Noisy Parrat, a Comedy
 by Henry Higden. Prologue by Sir Charles
 Sydley. 1693.

Song, end of 17th century.

We merry wives of Windfor,
 Whereof you make your play ;
 And act us on your stages,
 In London day by day :
 Alas it doth not hurt us,
 We care not what you do ;
 For all you scoff, we'll sing and laugh,
 And yet be honest too.

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It grieves us much to see your wants
 Of things that we have store ;
 In Forests wide and Parks beside,
 And other places more :
 Pray do not scorn the Windfor horn,
 That is both fair & new
 Altho' you scold, we'll sing and laugh,
 And yet be honest too.

And now farewell unto you all,
 We have no more to say :
 Be sure you imitate us right,
 In acting of your play :
 If that you miss, we'll at you hiss,
 As others us'd to do ;
 And at you scoff, & sing, and laugh,
 And yet be honest too.

*MS. penes Mr. Halliwell-Phillips, printed in
 The First Sketch of Shakespere's Merry Wives
 of Windsor, for the Shakespeare Society,
 1842, p. 66*

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APPENDIX A.

LIST OF EXCLUSIONS.

I. PASSAGES MISTAKEN FOR ALLUSIONS.

- The Schoole of Abuse : by Stephen Gosson 1579
 ("Some plaiers modest, if I be not deceived." Sig. C 6, bk.)
- Letter from Sir Philip Sidney to Secretary Walsingham,
 dated "Utrecht, this 24th of March" . . . 1586
 (Mentioning "Will, my lord of Lester's jesting plaier." See
 Mr. Bruce in *Shakespeare Society's Papers*, vol. i, 1844, p. 88.)
- An Epistle to the Gentlemen Students of both Universi-
 ties : by Thomas Nash 1587
 (This is prefixed to Robert Greene's *Menaphon*, 1589. It con-
 tains the famous passage on "English *Seneca*," and "whole
hamlets; I should say, handfulls, of tragical speeches."
 (Sign. * * 3.) Compare an epigram "of one y^t had
 stolne much out of Seneca," in the Dr. Farmer Chetham
 MS., ed. Grosart, for the Chetham Society, 1873, Part I,
 vol. i. p. 84. See also Mr. C. E. Browne in *Notes &*
Queries, 5th S. i. 462.)
 [The Rev. Mark Pattison kindly points out that this *Epistle*
 may have been written in 1587. Backwards, Nash
 mentions the recently-published Warner's *Albion* (1586);
 forwards, he speaks of the *Anatomic of Absurdities*, which
 was entered on the Stationers' Register, 19 Sept. 1588, as
 in the future,— "It may be. my *Anatomic of Absurdities*
 may acquaint you ere long with my skill in surgery."
 Lowndes and Hazlitt doubtfully put an edition of Greene's
Menaphon in 1587. L. T. S.]
- The *Anatomic of Absurditie* : by Thomas Nash (sig. A i,
 bk., of ed. 1590), is too early to refer to *Ven. and Ad.* 1589
- The *Teares of the Muses* : by Edmond Spenser . . . 1590
 (Mentioning "Our pleasant Willy," in the complaint of
 Thalia.)
 [Mr. J. W. Hales (Globe ed. of Spenser, pp. xliv—xlvi)
 believes that this referred to Shakespere, so also Mr.

and Mrs. Cowden Clarke (see their edition of Shakespeare, 1878, p. xxv); Dr. Grosart now agrees with Dr. Nicholson that Lyly may have been intended, decidedly not Shakespeare. (See too, Malone's *Life of Shakespeare*, 1821, Vol. II. p. 225. In 1590 Shakespeare had written nothing but *Love's Labours Lost*, and possibly parts of *Titus Andronicus* and *1 Henry VI.*) Mr. Collier points out proof that Sidney (who died 1586) may have been the "Willy" intended (*Introd. to Seven English Miscellanies*, p. xviii). Mr. Furnivall, who was lately in favour of Lyly, writes, May 27, 1879: "Having seen the contemporary entry of 'Tarlton' opposite the Willy passage in the 1611 edition of Spenser's *Minor Poems* in the copy that Prof. Brewer gave Mr. Halliwell-Phillipps, and being convinced that Spenser referred to a comic actor, not a dramatist, I accept Tarlton as the Willy, though his name was Dick." As shown by Mr. Collier, Sir Philip Sidney was alluded to as "Willy," which seems to have been used as a term of affectionate reference. Mr. Furnivall finds that other MS. identifications in the same hand in this volume are correct. This seems to settle the question. L. T. S.]

[Four Letters, & certaine Sonnets: especially touching Robert Greene and other parties by him abused; Third Letter, pp. 48, 49: by Gabriel Harvey . . . 1592

(It was conclusively pointed out by Mr. R. Simpson in a letter to the *Academy*, Oct. 17, 1874, that the supposed allusions in this letter are, not to Shakespeare, but to one of the Harvey family and to Nash. Dr. Ingleby, convinced by the statement, printed a Postscript to his Introduction to the *Allusion Books* (New Sh. Soc., 1874), reproducing Mr. R. Simpson's letter, for circulation among the members of the New Shakspeare Society. L. T. S.)]

Wits Miserie and the Worlds Madnesse, discovering the Devils Incarnate of this age: by Thomas Lodge . . . 1596

(The ghost, "Hamlet, revenge!" p. 56. This points to an older play on the subject of Hamlet.)

[Warning for Fair Women: a play 1599

("A filthy whining Ghost * * cries Vindicta! Revenge, Revenge!" *Induction*. Refers to the older Hamlet.) L. T. S.]

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- The Poetaster: by Ben Jonson 1601
 (See *Note*, below.)
- ['Tis merrie when Gossips meet, by Samuel Rowlands . . . 1602
 (P. 22 of reprint of 1818 quotes the proverb,
 "blacke-bearded men
 Are precious pearles in beauteous womens eyes,"
 cited in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Act V. sc. ii.)
- The Tragedie of Darius: by W. Alexander, E. of Stirling 1603
 (Contains a passage in Darius' second long speech, sign. H,
 Act IV. sc. ii, resembling "The cloud-capt towers," &c.,
Tempest, Act IV. sc. i.)
- The Black Book 1604
 ("Can we not take our ease in our Inne," sign. B 4. A pro-
 verbial saying, e.g. J. Heywood's *Epigrammes vpon Pro-
 uerbes* 1562, Spencer Society's reprint, p. 132; Jonson's
New Inn, Act I. sc. i; and, earlier, *The Pilgrim's Tale*,
 printed in Thynne's *Animadversions*, Chaucer Society,
 1875, p. 77.) L. T. S.]
- Paper's Complaint: by John Davies, of Hereford . . . 1611
 (The words "there's one forthcoming yet," line 301, do not
 refer to Shakespere. See before, p. 96.)
- Essayes and Characters: by John Stephens 1615
 (He was friend to Ben Jonson, and himself the author of
 one long tragedy, *Cynthia's Revenge*. See *Notes & Queries*,
 4th S., iii. 550. The description of "A worthy Poet" is
 ideal, and the passages relating to his supposed works do
 not fit Shakespere's case.)
- [The New Inn, by Ben Jonson, Act I. sc. i. 1629
 (The passage beginning "all the world's a play," not neces-
 sarily copied from Shakespere, the idea being common to
 the times. See examples in *Introd. to As You Like it*,
 Clarendon Press edition, pp. xxxiii—xxxv, and particularly
 in Ward's *Hist. Eng. Dramatic Literature*, I. 402. It was
 used, too, by Cervantes in *Don Quijote*, see after, p. 428.)

Silex Scintillans, or Sacred Poems and Private Ejaculations: by Henry Vaughan, Silurist 1655

(Preface, sign. B 2, back. "Mr. George Herbert, whose holy life and verse * * gave the first check to a most flourishing and advanced wit of his time." Dr. Grosart once thought this referred to Shakespere, but now believes Cowley was meant. Shakespere is impossible, because Herbert first published the *Temple* in 1631.) L. T. S.]

[Ben Jonson's *Poetaster*, acted in 1601.

[In the conversation upon Virgil],—

Tibullus. . . . That, which he hath writ,
Is with such judgement labour'd, and distill'd
Through all the needfull uses of our lives
That could a man remember but his lines,
He should not touch at any serious point,
But he might breathe his spirit out of him.

Cæsar. You meane, he might repeat part of his workes,
As fit for any conference he can use?

Tibullus. True, royall Cæsar. *Cæs*. Worthily observ'd:
And a most worthie vertue in his workes.
What thinks materiall *Horace*, of his learning?

Horace. His learning labours not the schoole-like glosse,
That most consists in *echoing* wordes, and termes,
And soonest wins a man an empty name;
Nor any long, or far-fetcht circumstance,
Wrapt in the curious generalities of artes:
But a direct, and *analyticke* summe
Of all the worth and first effects of artes.
And for his *poesie*, 'tis so ramm'd with life,
That it shall gather strength of life, with being,
And live hereafter, more admir'd, then now."

(*The Poetaster*, Act V. sc. i. *Works*: 1616, [fol.] p. 332.)

This striking passage, which, taken by itself, seems so well to fit the description of Shakespere's works, having excited some discussion, I print it in full with some of the reasons for and against; Gifford and Dr. Sebastian Evans being in favour of the opinion that Jonson intended Shakespere; Dr. Ingleby, Dr. B. Nicholson, and Mr. Furnivall being against it.

Gifford says hereon, "It is evident that throughout the whole of this drama Jonson maintains a constant allusion to himself and his contemporaries; and were it not that it is fully settled by the critics, from Theobald to Chalmers, that the whole purport of his writings was to 'malign' Shakespere, I should incline to believe that this speech, and that of Horace, which immediately follows, were both intended for him. Jonson could not think that Virgil was the poet of common life, as Tibullus affirms; or, as Horace,

that he was unostentatious of literature, and averse from *echoing* the terms of others : whereas all this is as undoubtedly true of Shakspeare, as if it were pointedly written to describe him." (F. Cunningham's edition of *Jonson*, 8vo, 1871, Vol. I, p. 250.)

Dr. Sebastian Evans, in answer to Dr. Ingleby's objections, considers that, as Ben Jonson himself figures in the play as Horace, there is no impropriety in Virgil standing for Shakspeare, and that the question is, as the lines do not fit Spenser, who is there but Shakspeare to whom Jonson would apply them ?

There does not seem to be anything to prove that, in the dialogue "To the Reader" at the end of the *Poetaster*, where Nasutus says,

"Now for the Players, it is true, I tax'd 'hem,
And yet, but some ; • • • •
 What th' haue done 'gainst me,
I am not mou'd with. If it gaue 'hem meat,
Or got 'hem clothes. 'Tis well. That was their end.
Onely amongst them I am sorry for
Some better natures, by the rest so drawne,
To run in that vile line ;"—

"better natures" was intended to refer to Shakspeare. (See Cunningham's ed. of *Jonson*, 1871, Vol. I, p. 267.) But if Jonson, in this passage and in the famous pill scene (Act V. sc. iii) in the same play, can be shown to aim at Shakspeare, then of course the first extract above cannot give Jonson's opinion of him in 1601, and may mean Virgil or anyone else suitable. And it is not likely that about the time Jonson was giving this praise, that Shakspeare should, if it were intended for him, have acted towards Jonson as is implied by the words "our fellow Shakspeare hath given him a purge that made him beray his credit" (*Returne from Pernassus*, before, p. 48). This play, which was evidently written by a friend to Shakspeare, was acted at Christmas, or New Year, 1601-2, not long after the appearance of the "Poetaster;" it does appear to point to a rivalry, if not a literary contention between the two poets at that time. On this side of the question Dr. Nicholson adduces that three of Shakspeare's plays and one of Jonson's are found entered on the Stationers' Register, under presumable date 1600 or 1601, as ordered "to be staied" (*Malone*, Vol. II, p. 367), probably on account of a quarrel between them, just as in the notorious quarrel between Nash and G. Harvey we find on the same register, 1 June, 1599, the order "That all Nashes bookes and Doctor harvyes bookes be taken wheresoever they maye be found and that none of their bookes bee ever printed hereafter." Dr. Nicholson further objects that the previous speeches of Horace and Gallus on Virgil and the first two lines spoken by Tibullus, are inconsistent with the rest of Tibullus' speech here given, as they cannot possibly apply to Shakspeare, and also are inconsistent with Jonson's opinion of Shakspeare's writing expressed 30 years later in his *Timber* (see before, p. 174); and that Gifford's statement as to Jonson's "constant" allusion to his contemporaries in this play is unsupported. L. T. S.]

*II. ALLUSIONS IN SPURIOUS WORKS, AND SPURIOUS
ALLUSIONS.*

The British Theatre: 1750, attributed to William R. Chetwood.

(Quotes (p. 9) lines from "the Interlude of" Robt. Armin's "Two Maids of More-clack," 1609, mentioning "our swan of Avon." They are not in that play, which has no "Interlude.")

Letter from Macklin the comedian.

(Containing verses subscribed Thomas May and Endymion Porter, mentioning "Shakspeare" and "Avon's Swan," attributed by Malone to Macklin. Ed. 1821, Vol. I, 403-429.)

Song on Sir Thomas Lucy, attributed to John Jordan of Stratford-upon-Avon.

(The Oldys Manuscripts are said to contain one stanza: other verses are quoted by William Chetwood in a Manuscript History of the Stage, 1730, published 1749. Also see *Malone*, ed. 1821, II. 565.)

Epigrams by Ben Jonson and Shakespeare: quoted, and *nostro judicio* fabricated, by Steevens (see ante, p. 410).

[Accounts of the Book of Revells, giving lists of plays (including eight of Shakespere's) performed in 1605 and 1612, being spurious papers in the Public Record Office.

(Printed as genuine in *Extracts from the Accounts of the Revels at Court* by Peter Cunningham, 1842, Shakespeare Society, pp. 203, 210. See *Athenaeum*, June 20, 1868.)

To these may be added the names of those plays, not written by Shakespere, which were issued bearing on the title-page either his name or his initials:—The London Prodigal, 1605; Locrine, 1595; Life and Death of Thomas Lord Cromwell, 1613; A Yorkshire Tragedy, 1608; The Birth of Merlin ("written by William Shakespear and William Rowley"), 1662; First and Second Parts of the Troublesome Reign of King John, 1611; First Part of Sir John Oldcastle, 1600 (see before, p. 268); The Puritan, or the Widow of Watling Street, 1607. (See Rev. F. G. Fleay's *Introduction to Shakespearian Study*, 1877, pp. 42-46.) L. T. S.]

APPENDIX B.

SHAKESPERE'S INFLUENCE ON OTHER WRITERS.

BUT little has been done towards tracing the *Influence* of SHAKESPEARE'S works on his successors of the seventeenth century. As a small contribution to such a work take the following, in addition to such writers quoted in the text as N. Breton, p. 457; Nicholson's *Acolastus*, p. 33; L. Barry, p. 95; Baron's *Pocula*, p. 279; and others.

[1. *The Civile Warres betweene the houses of Lancaster and Yorke*, by Samuel Daniel. The second edition of 1595 contains alterations made after the study of *Richard II.* See Grant White's ed. of Shakespere, vol. vi. pp. 139-142.

2. *Phillis and Flora*, 1598, a poem by R.S.; stanzas 56 and 57 (sign. C. 3) may perhaps have borrowed part of the description of the horse from *Venus and Adonis*, ll. 295-300. L. T. S.]

3. *The Two Angrie Women of Abington*, by Henry Porter, 1599, seems to quote from *Romeo and Juliet*, and has a trace of *Hamlet*.

(See Dyce's edition for the Percy Society, 1841, pp. 73 & 81.)

[4. *A Woman Kilde with Kindness*, by Thomas Heywood, 1607 (sign. G, back), the scene between Susan and Charles is thought to imitate Act III. sc. i. of *Measure for Measure*. The resemblance is, however, but superficial. L. T. S.]

5. *The Insatiate Countess*, by John Marston, 1613, perhaps imitates a line in *King John*.

(See Malone's *Shakespeare*, 1821, vol. xv. p. 261, *note*.)

[Mr. Aldis Wright also suggests that the lines

"A donative he hath of every God;
Apollo gave him lockes, *Jove* his high front,

* * * * *

here they meete

As in a sacred synod" (Act I. sc. i. sign. A 3)

contain recollections of "the front of Jove himself" (*Hamlet*, III. sc. iv. l. 56), and *As You Like It*, Act III. sc. ii. l. 158.

6. *Polyolbion*, by Michael Drayton, 1615. In the description of how the bridegroom Tame was drest with flowers (Song 15), Mr. Furnivall thinks the expression "azur'd hare-bell" and two others are taken from *Cymbeline*, Act IV. sc. ii. (See the *Academy*, 29 March, 1879.) L. T. S.]

7. *Don Quijote*, Parte II, 1615, has traces of *As you like it* and *Macbeth*.

(See Mr. Rawdon Brown's letter in the *Athenaeum*, July 5th, 1873.)

[The connection with *As you like it* is founded on the idea that players and the stage figure human life, which, as remarked before, p. 423 (*The New Inn*), was not originally Shakespeare's.]

[8. *The Witch*, by Thomas Middleton (in MS. till 1778. He died 1627), contains incantation and moonlight scenes resembling those in *Macbeth*.

(See Middleton's Works, edited by Rev. A. Dyce, 1840, vol. i. pp. li-liv; and Johnson, Steevens and Reed's *Shakespeare*, 1803, vol. ii. pp. 338-344. Other faint echoes of *Macbeth* are cited in Clark and Wright's edition, Clarendon Press Series, 1869, p. viii.) L. T. S.]

9. *The Legend of Cupid and Psyche*, by Shakerley Marmion, 1637, imitates a passage in *Hamlet*, Act III. sc. iv, and bears the trace of another in Act II. sc. ii, ll. 582, 583.

(See Singer's edition, 1820, p. 33, lines 16, 17; p. 32, lines 1, 2.)

10. *Lucrecia*, part of *The Heroine*, 1639, by G. Rivers, appropriates some phrases from Shakespeare's *Lucrece*.

11. *The Unnatural Combat*, by Philip Massinger; 1639 (sign.

H, back), may possibly have followed a passage in *King John*, Act III. sc. i, fourth speech of Constance.

(See Malone's *Shakespeare*, 1821, vol. 15, p. 262; also Dr. Nicholson in *Notes and Queries*, 4th Ser., I. p. 289.)

12. *A Pastoral Dialogue*, by Thomas Carew (*Poems*, 1640, p. 77), offers some parallel in time and sentiments to Act III. sc. v, ll. 1-36, in *Romeo and Juliet*, of which it may be an imitation. (See *Carew's Poems* in the *Roxburghe Library*, 1870, p. 58, note.)

13. *The Cunning Lovers*, a comedy by Alexander Brome, 1654, contains two passages parallel to Shakespeare, in Act II, p. 24, the conversation between Valentia and Prospero recalls that between *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II. sc. ii, ll. 33-61. In Act IV. p. 44, the scene with the Clown and Mantua as to "guerdon" and "banish" seems founded on Costard's "remuneration" in *Love's Labour's Lost*, Act III. L. T. S.]

14. *The Jews Tragedy*, by William Hemings, 1662, p. 29 (mis-paged 37), imitates a line in *Hamlet* ("To be or not to be," &c.). (See *Collier's Bib. & Crit. Account*, vol. i. additions, p. xix*.)

[15. *Angliæ Speculum Morale; the Moral State of England*: 1670. "The Friendly Rivals," one of three tales in this little volume, contains a "comical amour" in which two fat unwelcome wooers are tricked and caught by the lady and her maid; spirits and satyrs sing, and "a company of Boyes dressed like Fairies come in dancing, and caper round them singing, and pinching them severely." The scene and the songs together seem to be a feeble imitation of the *Merry Wives of Windsor*, Act IV. sc. iv, and Act V. sc. ii-v. (See Mr. Elliot Browne in *Notes and Queries*, 5 Ser., I. p. 342.)

16. *The Nature, Use, and Abuse of the Tongue and Speech*, the second of two treatises by Richard Ward, Preacher, 1673, p. 208, quotes seven lines from the *Merchant of Venice* (Act IV. sc. i, l. 71) to enforce his example of "unprofitable and ineffectual Words." L. T. S.]

*SHAKESPERE'S INFLUENCE: COLLECTIONS OF
POETRY, &c.*

[And under this head, for they must have tended largely to the spread of Shakespere's *Influence* on the writers of the time, may be pointed out four popular collections of poems and extracts, one of which, *England's Parnassus* (to which Mr. R. Garnett of the British Museum kindly first drew my attention), demands more particular attention. The contents of the others can only be indicated.

17. ENGLAND'S PARNASSUS, 1600.

LIST OF PASSAGES QUOTED FROM SHAKESPERE

(including three attributed to other writers).

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3	If Angels fight (2 ll.). <i>Rich. II.</i> , Act III. sc. ii. l. 61.
7	Affection is a coale that must be coolde (3 ll.). <i>Ven. and Ad.</i> , l. 387.
8	Things out of hope are compast oft with ventering (4 ll.). <i>Ven. and Ad.</i> , l. 567.
12	Those which much covet, are with gaine so fond (7 ll.). <i>Lucrece</i> , l. 134.
14	All Orators are dumbe where Bewtie pleadeth. <i>Lucrece</i> , l. 268.
14	Bewtie it selfe doth of it selfe perswade (4 ll.). <i>Lucrece</i> , l. 29.
24	Care keepes his watch in every old mans eye (4 ll.). <i>Rom. and Jul.</i> , Act II. sc. iii. l. 35.
48	Danger deviseth shifts ; wit waits on feare. <i>Ven. and Ad.</i> , l. 690.
48	The path is smooth that leadeth unto Daunger. <i>Ven. and Ad.</i> , l. 788.
54	The toongs of dying men (10 ll.). <i>Rich. II.</i> , Act II. sc. i. l. 5.
55	Fearfull tormenting [commenting] (2 ll.). <i>Rich. III.</i> , Act IV. sc. iii. l. 51.

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- 89 The gift [*guilt*] being great, the teare doth still exceed (3 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 229.
- 111 Fat paunches have leane pates, and daintie bits (2 ll.).
Love's Labours Lost, Act I. sc. i. l. 26.
- 113 The purest treasure mortall times afford (3 ll.).
Rich. II., Act I. sc. i. l. 177.
- 123 Griefe hath two tongues, and never woman yet (2 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 1007.
- 123 An oven that is stopt, or river staid (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 331.
- 124 Some Griefe shewes much of love (2 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act III. sc. v. l. 73.
- 124 True Griefe is fond and testy as a childe (6 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1094.
- 125 Paine paies the income of each precious thing.
Lucrece, l. 334.
- 132 O rash false heat! wrapt in repentance cold (2 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 48.
- 137 True Hope is swift, and flies with swallows wing (2 ll.).
Rich. III., Act V. sc. ii. l. 23.
- 143 Where love doth raigne, disturbing iealousie (8 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 649.
- 154 Sparing Justice feeds iniquitie (1 l.).
Lucrece, l. 1687.
- 155 The baser is he, comming from a King (14 ll.).
Lucrece, 1002.
- 156 Not all the water in the rough rude sea (4 ll.).
Rich. II., Act III. sc. ii. l. 54.
- 157 No outrageous thing
From vassall actors can be wipte away (3 ll.)
Lucrece, l. 607.
- 164 Love comforteth like sun-shine after raine (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 799.
- 164 O deeper sinne then bottomlesse conceit (7 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 701.
- 171 love to heaven is fled (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 793.
- 173 Love is a smoake, made with fume of sighes (5 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act I. sc. i. l. 196.
- 176 O brawling Love, O loving hate! (6 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act I. sc. i. l. 182.
- 180 Love keeps his revels where there are but twaine.
Ven. and Ad., l. 123.
- 182 O bold-beleeving Love! how hote [*strange*] it seemes (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad. l. 985.

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- 182 Love goes toward Love, as schoole-boyes from their bookes (2 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act II. sc. ii. l. 156.
- 182 Love can comment upon every woe (1 l.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 714.
- 185 . . The sweetest honey
Is loathsome in his owne deliciousnesse (5 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act II. sc. vi. l. 11.
- 189 Against Loves fier feares frost hath dissolution (1 l.).
Lucrece, l. 355.
- 190 O learne to love; the lesson is but plaine (2 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 407.
- 190 Love thrives not in the heart, that shadowes dreadeth.
Lucrece, l. 270.
- 192 Foule words and frownes must not repell a Lover (4 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 573.
- 192 . . Lovers houres are long, though seeming short (5 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 842.
- 192 A Lover may bestride the gossamours (3 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act II. sc. vi. l. 18.
- 204 . . Miserie is troden on by many (2 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 707.
- 207 Soft pittie enters at an iron gate (1 l.).
Lucrece, l. 595.
- 207 Mercie but murders, pardoning those that kill.
Rom. and Jul., Act III, sc. i. l. 202.
- 217 . . markes descried in mens nativitie (2 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 538.
- 222 Opportunitie! thy guilt is great (7 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 876.
- 229 . . revels, daunces, maskes and merry howers (2 ll.).
Love's Lab. Lost, Act IV. sc. iii. l. 379.
- 241 A little harme, done to a great good end (5 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 528.
- 246 Princes are the glasse, the schoole, the booke (2 ll.) [attributed to Warner in E. P.]
Lucrece, l. 615.
- 248 Princes have but their titles for their glories (6 ll.).
Rich. III, Act I. sc. iv. l. 78.
- 261 Often the eye mistakes, the braine being troubled.
Ven. and Ad., l. 1068.
- 279 Sorrow breakes seasons and reposing howres (2 ll.).
Rich. III, Act I. sc. iv. l. 76.
- 279 Sad Sorrow, like a heavie ringing bell (3 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1493.
- 280 Fell sorrowes tooth never ranckles more (2 ll.) [attributed to S. Daniell].
Rich. II, Act I. sc. iii. l. 302.

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Eng. Par.
- 232 Teares harden lust, though marble weare with raine.
Lucrece, l. 560.
- 283 Thoughts are the slaves of life, and life times foole (3 ll.).
Hen. IV, Part I, Act V. sc. iv. l. 81.
- 283 Thoughts are but dreames, till their effects be tried.
Lucrece, l. 353.
- 284 Unfainéd Thoughts do seldome dreame on evil (2 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 87.
- 284 Mishapen Time, coapsmate of ugly might (5 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 925.
- 286 Times glory is to calme contending kings (21 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 939.
- 288 Treason is but trusted like the foxe (3 ll.).
Hen. IV, Part I, Act V. sc. ii. l. 9.
- 291 Vertue it selfe turnes vice, being misapplied (2 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act II. sc. iii. l. 21.
- 293 What Vertue breedes, iniquitie devours (4 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 872.
- 297 Foule cankering rust the hidden treasure frets (2 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 767.
- 306 Short time seemes long in sorrowes sharp sustaining (3 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1573.
- 306 . . Fellowship in Woe, doth woe asswage (2 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 790.
- 306 Tis double death to drowne in ken of shore (7 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1114.
- 306 Distresse likes dumps, when time is kept with teares.
Lucrece, l. 1127.
- 307 Windie atturnies of our clyent woes (5 ll.).
Rich. III, Act IV. sc. iv. l. 127.
- 307 . . . Few words shall fit the trespasse best (2 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1613.
- 307 Deepe sounds make better [*lesser*] noyse then shallow fords (2 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1329.
- 311 . . . Men have marble, women waxen minds (21 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1240.
- 313 Women may fall, when there's no strength in men.
Rom. and Jul., Act II. sc. iii. l. 80.
- 327 Nights candles are burnt out, and jocund day (2 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act III. sc. v. l. 9.
- 327 Loe! now the gentle Larke, wearie of rest (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 853.
- 327 Now fallen [*and solemn*] night with slow sad pace descended (3 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1031.
- 328 The gray-cyde morne smiles on the frowning night (4 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act II. sc. iii. l. 1.

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- 334 Now the world's comforter, with wearie gate (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 529.
- 348 This royall throne of Kings, this sceptred yle (15 ll.) [attributed to M. Drayton in E. P.].
Rich. II, Act II. sc. i. l. 40.
- 382 Round hoof'd, short joynted, fetlocks shag and long (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 295.
- 396 Her Lilly hand her rosie cheekes lie under (28 ll.)
Lucrece, l. 386.
- 407 O! shee doth teach the torches to burne bright (6 ll.).
Rom. and Jul., Act I. sc. v. l. 46.
- 423 Even as an emptie Eagle, sharpe by fast (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 55.
- 424 As through an arch the violent roring tide (7 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1667.
- 431 Looke, as the faire and fiery-poynted sunne (4 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 372.
- 431 He shakes aloft his Romaine blade (7 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 505.
- 431 As the poore frighted deere, that stands at gaze (7 ll.).
Lucrece, l. 1149.
- 432 Like as the Snayle, whose hornes being once hit (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 1033.
- 446 This ill presage advisedly she marketh (6 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 457
- 451 Looke how a bright starre shooteth from the skie (8 ll.).
Ven. and Ad., l. 815.

PASSAGES WRONGLY ATTRIBUTED TO SHAKESPERE.

- 56 Delay in love breeds doubts, but sharpe deniall death.¹
W. Warner's *Albions England*, 1597, B. IV. c.
xxi. l. 35.
- 178 Most true it is that true love hath no power (2 ll.).
Spenser's *F. Q.*, Bk. I. c. iii. st. 30.
- 178 True love is free, and led with selfe delight (2 ll.).
Spenser's *F. Q.*, Bk. IV. c. i. st. 46.

¹ This line, attributed to Shakespere by R. A., appears to be taken from Warner's much weaker line,

"Delay he sayth, breedeth doubts, but sharpe deniall Death."

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- 307 Words are but winde, why cost they then so much? (2 ll.)
Leg. of Lord Hastings (1610), p. 429.¹
- 307 Forth irreturnable flies the spoken Word (8 ll.).
Leg. of Lord Hastings, p. 429.
- 369 That time of yeere when the inamoured sunne (7 ll.).
Jervis Markham's Tragedy of *Sir Richard*
Grinvile, 1595, 1st stanza, sign. B 4.

*PASSAGES ATTRIBUTED TO SHAKESPERE,
BUT NOT IDENTIFIED.*

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- 109 Like as the gentle heart it selfe bewraies,
In doing gentle deeds with francke delight:
Even so the baser minde it selfe displaies,
In cankered malice, and revenge for spight.
- 178 Love alwaies doth bring forth most bounteous deeds,
And in each gentle heart desire of honor breeds.
- 191 The lover and beloved are not tied to one love.

¹ The Legend of Lord Hastings is in the collection called the *Mirour for Magistrates*, and underwent several variations in different editions of that work. The above quotations are from stanzas included in the editions of 1574 and 1610; they are not to be found in the editions of 1578 (last part) and 1587.

SPECIMENS OF VARIOUS READINGS.

The purest treasure mortall times afford,
Is spotlesse reputation, that away,
Men are but gilded trunkes, or painted clay.

England's Parmassus, p. 113.

O rash falsc heat wrapt in repentance cold,
Thy haite springs still blood and nere growes old.

p. 130 (mispaged 132).

Where lone doth raigne, disturbing jealousie,
Doth call himselfe affections Centinell,

And in a peacefull houre, dooth crye kill, kill,
Distempering gentle loue with his desire,
As ayre and water dooth abate the fire :

This found informer, this bare breeding spie
This cancker that eates up this tender spring,
This carry-tale, ditcentio's jealousie.

p. 143.

Loue is a smoake made with fume of sighes,
Being purg'd, a fier sparkling in Louers eies,
Being vext, a sea nourisht with louing teares,
What is it else? a madnesse most ditrest,
A choaking gull, and a preferuing sweet.

p. 173.

The purest treasure mortall times afford
Is spotlesse reputation, that away

Men are but gilded loame, or painted clay.
Rick. II (ed. 1598), Act I. sc. i.

O rash falsc heate, wrapt in repentant cold,
Thy haitie spring still blaist and nere growes old

Locrine (ed. 1594), l. 48.

For where love raignes, disturbing jealousie
Doth call himselfe affections centinell;
Gives falsc alarms, fuggesleth mutinie.

And in a peacefull houre doth crye kill, kil,
Distempering gentle love with his desire,
As aire and water doth abate the fire.

This foure informer, this bare-breeding spie,
This canker that eates up love's tender spring
This carry-tale, diffentionious jealousie.

V. & A. (ed. 1599), l. 649, &c.

Loue is a smoke made with the fume of sighes
Being purgd, a fire sparkling in lovers eies,
Being vext, a sea nourisht with loving teares
What is it else? a madnesse most ditcreete,
A choking gall, and a preferring sweete.

Rom. & Jul. (ed. 1599), Act I. sc. i.

The foregoing lists show the page of *England's Parnassus*, the first line of the passage, the number of lines quoted, and in what work of Shakespere (or other writer) the original passage is to be found.

The collection of poems entitled "England's Parnassus : or the choycest Flowers of our Moderne Poets," brought out in 1600 by an editor with the initials R. A. (usually considered to mean Robert Allot, though Mr. Collier inclines to Robert Armin), contains, besides three passages in reality Shakespere's, though given as from other writers, 97 extracts attributed to Shakespere. On carefully going through these, six are found to be wrongly so given; *Spencer's* Fairy Queen, *Warner's* England's Albion, the *Legend of Lord Hastings* in the *Mirror for Magistrates*, and *Jervis Markham's* Tragedy of Sir H. Grinville, being their originals. Three quotations to which Shakespere's name is attached I and others are unable to find in his plays or his poems; one (*Eng. Par.*, p. 190), which escaped the searches of Mr. Collier, I have discovered in *Lucrece*. These last three, therefore, I print in full at the end of the above lists, leaving the reader to determine whether they lie hidden in any of the Poet's known works, or are relics of some lost poem of his, or whether they really belong to some other writer. The two first seem to me to bear the true Shakesperean ring.

In 1814 Mr. T. Park reprinted *England's Parnassus* in his *Heliconia*, vol. iii., with a few notes, but, as he says, he gives "these Parnassian reliques, with most of their 'imperfections on their head,'" that is (unlike Mr. Collier), he reprints the collection of 1600 as it stands.

Mr. Collier reprinted *England's Parnassus* in 1867 (among his Seven English Poetical Miscellanies) with a short Introductory Notice, and with a reference under each extract, identifying the source of nearly every quotation. His work does not appear to be an exact reprint of the *Parnassus* of 1600, but in a large number of cases I have found that he prints the passages, as corrected from their authors. Owing so greatly to his labours I have been sorry to note, in the course of verifying the quotations from Shakespere, many mistakes in reference, mistakes all of which (except one) occur in connection with *Venus and Adonis* and *Lucrece*. It is so easy to make errors in counting the stanzas of lengthy poems like these, that it is not wonderful perhaps that they should have been made; I have hoped to avoid this difficulty by giving reference to the *lines* of the poems, which may be the more useful, as counting by lines instead of by stanzas is the method adopted in the *Globe* and other editions of Shakespere. I have given the lines in these lists as they stand in *England's Parnassus*, not as they would be if taken direct from their authors (which last seems to be the method pursued by Mr. Collier); the reader will thus be able to gain an idea of the variations in reading which occur in the passages; some of these are indicated between square brackets. A few passages are printed entire for the sake of further comparison of readings; an examination of about a third of the whole shows the variations not to be numerous, though T. Park says (*Heliconia*, vol. iii., *Advertisement*) that "there is a pervading incorrectness in the excerpts themselves."

This collection affords a strong proof that in 1600 Shakespere's popularity was based upon his love-writings more than on any other, while the connection between *Venus and Adonis* and *Romeo and Juliet* is also incidentally illustrated. Out of the 91 genuine Shakesperean extracts 63 are from *Venus and Adonis*, and *Lucrece*; while of the remaining 28, 13 are from *Romeo and Juliet*: the rest being from *Richard II*, *Richard III*, *Hen. IV. Part I*, and *Love's Labours Lost*. The classification into subjects by the compiler did not apparently affect his choice of the sources, in Shakespere's case, for the anthology.

18. *Belvedere, or The Garden of the Muses*. [Collected by John Bodenham, sign. A 7] 1600
 In a list of twenty-five "Moderne and extant Poets, that have liv'd together; [extracts being taken] from many of their extant workes, and some kept in privat," we find "William Shakspeare." (*To the Reader*, A 5, bk.)
19. *England's Helicon*. [Collected by John Bodenham] 1600
 Contains one piece, "On a day, (alack the day)," from Shakespere, out of *Love's Labours Lost*, Act IV. sc. iii. This collection also contains part of the song, "As it fell upon a day," and the song, "My flocks feed not," attributed to Shakespere in the *Passionate Pilgrim* (XVIII and XXI), but written by Barnfield; they are here signed "*Ignoto*." Henry Constable's "The Sheepeheard's Song of Venus and Adonis," the nearest parallel to Shakespere's *Venus and Adonis*, is also found in this collection.
20. *The English Parnassus: or, a helpe to English Poesie*.
 Containing a Collection of all Rhyming Monosyllables, the choicest Epithets, and Phrases: with some general forms upon all Occasions, Subjects, and Theams. By Josua Poole. (Second ed. 1677.) 1657
 Among "the Books principally made use of in the compiling of this Work" (p. 41) is "Shakespeare." In the third Part (p. 229), in which phrases and extracts are arranged under the alphabetical order of subjects, passages and lines from various poets are blended and run together in a way that is certainly ingenious,¹ though one not likely to have

¹ For example, under the head *Anchorite* we have a line and half from *Twelfth Night* with a strange jumble,—

"Sitting like patience on a monument,
 Smiling at grief, uninterested in the worlds affairs:
 That onely lives, to learn well how to die."

tended to accurate knowledge by young scholars (Poole was a school-master at Hadley, in Middlesex). None of the extracts are subscribed, but a large number may be recognised as from Shakespere. Without pretending to make a complete list, bits from the following plays may be noted under the respective headings and pages in Poole :—*Twelfth Night*, p. 236 (Anchorite); *Romeo and Juliet*, p. 238 (Angels), 295 Oberon's Diet, 500 (Stars); *Henry V*, 259 (Bees)¹; *1 Hen. VI*, 285 (Comet)¹; *Merchant of Venice*, 243 (Cruell)²; *1 Hen. IV*, 245 (Dangerous)²; *King John*, 248 (Death)²; *Mids. Night's Dream*, and *Hamlet*, 275 (Embrace)²; *Hamlet*, 304 (Fear), 377 (Protestations of love); *Mids. N. Dream*, 290 (Fairies); *Richard III*, 320 (Gemmes); *Troilus and Cressida*, 336 (Hands); *Coriolanus*, and *Macbeth*, 345 (Honest); *Othello*, 362 (Kisse); *Tempest*, 414 (Nereides); *Love's Labours Lost*, 557 (Winter). L. T. S.]

¹ Pages 259, 285, of first paging; the printer has mispaged the book and repeated from p. 239 to 288.

² Second paging, see last note

APPENDIX C.

"THE NEW METAMORPHOSIS," by J. M.

THE manuscript poem quoted on p. 98, having been little noticed elsewhere, some short account of it may be thought worth having, because, written in Shakesperian times, it is full of allusions to the passing history and manners of those days, and in one or two places a possible reference to Shakespere or his writing may be traced.

Add. MS. 14,824, 14,825, and 14,826 is contained in three volumes quarto, in the contemporary vellum binding, of 88, 136, and 268 leaves respectively; the books are written in a close neat hand, leaving a considerable margin; few corrections are made, but here and there additional lines are put in the margin. The whole poem extends to about 34000 lines, divided into 24 Books, to each of which is prefixed an "Argument."

The first volume (Part I) bears two title-pages, one running thus: "The Newe Metamorphosis. Or a Feaste of Fancie or Poeticall Legendes. The first parte Diuided into Twelue Bookes. Written by J. M. gent 1600,"¹ with the motto,

"Hor: Aut prodesse volunt, aut delectare Poëtæ
aut simul et iucunda, et idonea dicere vitæ." (fo. 1.)

[De Ar. Poet, l. 333, 334.]

Then comes the Arguments for six books, then on fo. 3 the

¹ The title as originally written was: "The New Metamorphosis or Poeticall Legendes. Diuided into Twelue Bookes." "Or A feaste of Fancie," and "The first parte" were added afterwards.

second title,—“An Iliade of Metamorphosis. Or the Araignement of Vice [*or Poeticall Legendes* having been written and then crossed out here] Devided into Twelve bookes. 1600.

“Parce tuum Vatem sceleris damnare Cupido
parce hos versiculos, contemptu impij serva.”

“Tomus Primus” is crossed through on each title-page, but it evidently ought to be there. The other six arguments for vol. i. are prefixed to part ii. on fo. 1. “Tomus secundus,” in vol. ii. also comprises twelve books, the arguments of which are not, however, set forth at the beginning of the volume.

Various conjectures may be made as to who J. M., the author, was. A former owner¹ of the Manuscript, who in 1806 (see vol. ii., fo. 138, back) went through it making frequent marginal notes in pencil, suggests on the title-page, *John Marston, Jervase Markham, John Mason*, and a fourth name which is rubbed out. Mr. Joseph Haslewood in his edition of Brathwait's *Barnabees Journal*, 1820 (vol. i. p. 96), quoting some lines from this MS. descriptive of Giggleswick Springs in Yorkshire, sets down the author as J[ohn] M[arston], but gives no reasons for so doing. Mr. Halliwell also quotes a few lines as to boy-players (from vol. ii., fo. 46) in his *Life of Shakespere*, 1848, p. 148, note; and in his edition of Marston's Works, published in the *Library of old authors*, 1856, vol. i, Pref. p. xix, he refers to the *New Metamorphosis* and says, “It is a long rambling poem, and parts of it resemble in some degree” Marston's style, but that it has slender claim to be considered his. The writer seems to have been of French name or extraction; he tells us on the fourth leaf (vol. i. part i):

“My name is Frenche, to tell yo^e in a worde,
Yet came not in with Conquering Williams sworde.”

The author thus introduces his work in his “Prologue” (fos. 5, 6, back):—

¹ F. G. Waldron, see his initials “F. G. W.,” vol. ii., fo. 234.

" I here prefente my newe-borne poësie,
 not with vaine glory pufte to make me knowne,
 or Indian-like with feathers not myne owne
 to decke my felf, as many vse to doe,
 to filching lynes I am a deadly foe.

* * * * *

Myne infante Muse, longe studieng what to wright
 at first resolud some bloody warres t'endighte
 but Loue caffierd that thought with his soft charme
 Saying that warre's best, *which* can doe noe harme."

After weighing several subjects, he decides upon satire of the vices of the time :—

" What then is fitter for these impious tymes
 then yrefull Satyrs, clad in rugged rymes,
 Harsh though my lynes be, you shall substance fynde.

* * * * *

I haue noe Poëts pleasinge smoth-fyl'd veyne
 but a ragg'd Satyrists rougher hewen straine."

He casts it under the guise of shewing to "the world infected with the goute," pestilence, pride, ingratitude, witch-craft and other scourges, and "their strange mutation wrought by the Gods iuste Transformation."

Finally he invokes the assistance of

" Matilda fayre, guide thou my wandring quill
 who rul'it my harte, that vicious men & ill
 to their eternall thame I may disgrace,
 & so extoll of righteous men the race.
 My poore dull witte richly doe thou inspire,
 inflame my braine with Loues celestiall fyre,
 that I may liuely in my rymes expresse
 the secret't actions of retyrednes,
 and shewe the vglieft fate of horrid vice
 that so hereafter it may none intice."

That either Marston or Markham could be the author may be doubted, for both had published several works before 1600, and would neither of them therefore speak of their "infant muse" in that year.¹ Marston's, too, were Satires: "The Scourge of Villanie, three bookes of Satyres," came out in 1598, and a second edition in 1599; his "Metamorphosis of Pigmalion's Image, and certaine Satyres," 1598, may possibly have suggested the subject of J. M.'s poem. Markham, of whom it is said that "his thefts were innumerable," is surely excluded by the declaration,—

"to filching lynes I am a deadly foe."

Whoever the author was, he seems to have kept his work by him, adding to it and correcting from time to time, for about twelve years. For though the title-page is dated 1600, and he evidently had intended to dedicate his poem to Queen Elizabeth (see the lines "The Author to his Booke," below), "tomus secundus" shows that he took up his pen again after the accession of James I, and after telling tales and dealing with a variety of subjects—among which is the taking of Cadiz in 1596—he describes the Gun-powder Plot of 1605, and finishes by touching upon Prince Henry's death, and the marriage of Elizabeth, daughter to James I, both which took place in the winter of 1612-13. See the Arguments to Books 1, 10, and 12 of Vol. II (after, p. 450, 451).

Prefixed to the book is a dialogue between Cupid and Momus, in which they contend for the patronage of the work. After some arguing, Momus says to Cupid:—

"Wherin this booke is matter of delighte
That patronize thou; that *which* is of spighte
My self will haue, I will his Patron bee
And let the envious freely carpe at mee.

¹ The dedication in his own hand of a masque by Marston (unique MS. at Bridgewater House) shows that his writing and that of the author of this poem differ entirely.

Take thou the one & I will haue the other.

C. Momus, that were to make thee Cupid's brother.

M. That I regarde not, nor doe clayme for righte,
Cupid is God of Loue, Momus of spighte." (*fo.* 4, back.)

After this follows—

"The Authore to his Booke

Nowe booke farewell, goe, take thine vnknowne flighte
Synce th'art protected by two of such mighte
that which was once vnto a Queene intended
is nowe vnto two powerfull Gods commended
When Gods doe thus poore Poëts workes defende
what rude satyrick spirite dares then contende."

The following are the most interesting "Arguments"

[Vol. I.
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Lib. I.

The Gods dispos'd to mirthe did for their Plotte
make choise of Fayery : Quarels for the Lotte
of Gouverment : Treason 'gainst Chastety :
The Cloysters exercise cald venerie :
Venus ta'ne washinge by the Fisherman :
Joues wronges he there expostulateth than.

Lib. 2.

Womans presumptuous wish, her pride abated :
Fish-stealers : Loue-Nymphs : Empiric translated :
Rare Glassè : Strange thinges : Secrets discoverers
punisht : ¹with busie bodie¹ Reformers.
Gullions greate draughte : Xadleus iugling tricks :
Murderers in prisson, loue Dice, Drinke, Meri-trix.

[Lib. 10.
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The Popes greate power : their Legends, Histories
they keepe the Lawe, their feuerall Qualities :
Rome is describ'd part of th' Popes reuenewes :
Fantastick fashions : Blynd-Afinus enfewes
The Ram-pie-feaste : Apollo, Mercurie
two Faiery Nymphes, chose for societie.

¹—¹ These words are written above, the words "and those that would be needes" being crossed through.

Lib. 12. Cupid & Venus parlie, she him chides :
 The Gods fall foule, the Parliament decydes
 the Controverfie : Cupid is banished.
 Mischeifes that followe : Merlyn prophesied :
 Gunnes are invented : Th' Fleete Invincible
 Sail'd back to Spaine, almost Invifible.

Tomus Secundus.

Lib. 1. England describ'd, th' happineffe in its Kinge :
 (Vol. II. fo. 8 back) Loue seekes a service, sure a wondrous thinge :
 The crueltie of th' Tanner punnished :
 Cupids ill happe is nexte desciphered :
 Loue conquers Conquerers : Men of best desertes
 are wrong'd by women that haue double hartes.

Lib. 2. Arcadia's life & pastorall happineffe
 (fo. 21) reproofe of Moderne tymes fo greate exceffe :
 The difmall danger of immodest wiues,
 Who chaste ones haue, their treble happie liues :
 The Merchants curfe, the Pyrats wickednesse
 Rebellious mischeife doth the next expresse.

Lib. 6. Strange Fountaines vertues & their qualities,
 (fo. 94. back) Illiterate Priests their foolish ceremonies :
 Dumbe Dogges once barking, & their pronunciation :
 Th'abuse of learnd Physitians vocation :
 Children abusing Parents reprehended :
 Wiues runninge from their Husbands are condemned.

Lib. 7. Th' Incontinent doth the suspected murther :
 (fo. 110, back) Luft, Murther, Gaminge, doe their owne deaths further :
 Cales voyage is describ'd, their quick returne
 English humanitie, they the Countrie burne :
 A Lady mourninge for th' losse of her Sonne
 Slayne in the Confi& when to th' Gates they run.

Lib. 8
[fo. 196]

Returninge home from Cales to passe the tyme,
 ech one muft tell his tale in Prose or Ryme.
 About Plantations first they doe begin :
 Of th' Lottery : next of The Wittols fin :
 A Ladies chastety viuely fet out :
 A Lasses coyne punished fans doubt.

Lib. 10.
[fo. 194.
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Murder & Treason, Romes Religion :
 The Plotte describ'd of th' Pouder-Treason :
 The Traytors punishment, their goeing to Hell :
 Their change of office *which* became them well :
 The Jefuits vertue liuely is fet forth,
 Tyburne the Antidote, 'gainft Tyburs wroth.

Lib. 11.
[fo. 234]

Of drunkards here a storie large you see
 and eke of those that their Abettors be.
 Of Gluttony the next, exceffe in Feastinge
which many after makes exceede in Fastinge.
 Contentious Knaues, next here muft haue a roome
 Calumnious-viperous-tongues from Hell doe come

Lib. 12.
[fo. 239.
back]

The Catalogue of ancient Brittish Kinges :
 Prince Henries deathe : Elizas Nuptiallinges :
 Some strange Mutations at the Princely Reuels :
 Of Auarice the most vnmanly evils :
 Falfé-play vnder the bourde next requires a roome
 And Pride *which* heere doth for the last dish come.

These "Arguments" give an idea of the variety of topics touched upon in the guise of allegory; the allusions to politics—the taking of Cadiz, the American Plantations, the power of Rome, the Spanish Armada, the non-marriage of Elizabeth, James I., Gun-powder plot, the death of Prince Henry, and marriage of Princess Elizabeth, and many others; the censure of manners, dress, excess, and drunkenness. Interspersed through the second volume are several tales—the tale of the Tanner, the

Master's Tale of Parson Darcie, the Surgeon's Tale, the Gunner's Tale, Tale of Mathilda, &c. ; and in this volume the poet seems to have allowed himself to wander from his original scheme, to judge from the lighter subjects in Book VI, the first two pages of which are occupied with a description of nine famous springs and wells, beginning with Buxton and ending with Malvern, to which the author travelled in search of a cure for the colic ;—a description worthy to be put beside William Harrison's account of our supposed medical waters (*Description of England*, ed. New Shakspeare Society, 1876, pp. 333, 336).

The following passage, though it cannot be said to be an imitation, certainly recalls Shylock's enumeration of the dislikes of various men (*Merch. of Venice*, Act IV. sc. i). Accounting for the sudden and unexpected withdrawal of a certain captain from a feast, the writer says,—

"It was because a Pigge came to the table
 which to abide by no meanes he was able
 was not the Swan worthy t' be made a Goofe
 that such a dynner for a pigge would loofe.
 I thinke he was a Capten fine I
 of him good fir, I pray yoⁿ what thinke yee?
 I knewe the like by one that nould endure
 to see a Goofe come to the table fure
 some can not brooke to fe a Custarde there
 some of a Cheefe doe ever stande in feare
 & I knowe one, if the Tobacco see
 or smells the fame, she swoones imediately
 the like of Roses I haue heard some tell
 touch but the skyn & presently 't will swell
 & growe to blisters." (Vol. II. fo. 257.)

The phrase in *Othello*, Act III. sc. iii.,

"I'd let her down the wind
 To prey at fortune"

finds an illustration in the lines upon ill fortune,—

“if one goe downe the wynde he may be fure
the vttermoſt of evils to endure.” (Vol. II. fo. 266, back.)

Scattered through the volumes are several words and phrases, which seem to be reminiscences of Shakespere without very certain reference, but they cannot be called either imitations or parallels. L. T. S.]

APPENDIX D.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXTRACTS.

WILLIAM LAMBARD, 1601.

That which passed from the Excellent Majestie of Queen Elizabeth, in her Privie Chamber at East Greenwich, 4^o Augusti 1601, 43^o Reg. sui, towards WILLIAM LAMBARDE.

He presented her Majestie with his Pandecta of all her rolls, bundells, membranes, and parcells that be reposed in her Majestie's Tower at London; whereof she had given to him the charge 21st January last past.

* * * *

She proceeded to further pages, and asked where she found cause of stay * * he expounded these all according to their original diversities * * so her Majestie fell upon the reign of King Richard II saying, "I am Richard II, know ye not that?"

W. L. "Such a wicked imagination was determined and attempted by a most unkind Gent. the most adorned creature that ever your Majestie made."

Her Majestie. "He that will forget God, will also forget his benefactors; this tragedy was played 40th times in open streets and houses."

Printed in John Nichols' Progresses and Processions of Queen Elizabeth, 1823, Vol. III. p. 552.

[A copy of the document from which this is an extract was sent to Mr. Nichols "from the original, by Thomas Lambard, of Sevenoaks, Esq." After the burning of the Birmingham Shakespeare Library in Jan. 1879, another copy of the same, from a manuscript, was anonymously sent to the Library Committee from Rugeley; there are probably therefore two MSS. of it in existence. William Lambard, a well-known antiquary and lawyer, at one time Keeper of the Records in the Tower, was a Kentish man, and died Aug. 19, 1601, a few days after his conversation with the Queen. His "Pandecta Rotulorum," probably the book presented to the Queen, was published in 1600.

The extract is important in its bearing upon the story of the Essex rebellion, and the use made by the conspirators of the tragedy of *Richard II*. See before, pp. 35—37. I am indebted to my friend Mr. Sam. Timmins of Birmingham for pointing it out. L. T. S.]

JOHN RAYNOLDS, 1606.

[The old Hermit, entertaining his guest at meat, takes a skull
in his hand,—]

He held it still, in his finifter hand,
And turn'd it soft, and stroakt it with the other,
He smil'd on it, and oft demurely found,
As it had beene, the head of his owne brother :
Oft would h'have spoke, but something bred delay ;
At length halfe weeping, these words did he say.

This barren scull, that here you do behold,
Why might it not, have beene an Emperours head ?
Whose store-houfe rich, was heap'd with maffy gold,
If it were so, all that to him is dead :
His Empire crowne, his dignities and all,
When death tooke him, all them from him did fall.

• • • • •
And might it not, a Lady sometimes ioye,
T'haue deckt, and trim'd, this now rainbeaten face,
With many a trick, and new-found pleasing toye ?
Which if that now, she did behold her cafe.

Although on earth, she were for to remaine,
She would not paint, nor trimme it up againe.

Why might not this, have beene some lawiers pate,
The which sometimes, brib'd, brawl'd, and tooke a fee,

And lawe exacted, to the higheft rate?
Why might not this, be fuch a one as he?
Your quirks, and quillets, now fir where be they,
Now he is mute, and not a word can fay.

Dolarnys Primerose, Or the first part of the passionate Hermit.
1606. Sign. D 4, back, E. In Mr. Henry Huth's Library.
Reprinted for the Roxburghe Club, 1816. [Dolarnys=Raynolds]

[Compare with this *Hamlet*, Act V. sc. i. Raynold's verses are perhaps a closer parallel than Thomas Randolph's reminiscences of the same scene in his *jealous Lovers*, 1632, see before, pp. 187, 188.

If these verses may be taken as an undoubted allusion to Hamlet, not the least interesting is the first quoted above, which describes exactly the action of Hamlet on taking up the skull in use on the stage at the present day, and may fairly be supposed to bear reference to what Raynolds and the playgoers of his day had before their eyes in the grave-digger's scene. It is to be observed that no authority for this action, the turning soft, stroking, smiling, &c., is to be found in the play itself.

The last verse given above was quoted in the *Athenæum*, May 22, 1875, and in Mr. H. H. Furness' *Variorum Hamlet*, Vol. I. p. 386. Mr. Haslewood printed portions of the poem in the *British Bibliographer*, 1810, Vol. I. p. 153. L. T. S.]

* SIR THOMAS SMITH, 1605.

This falling away of them, * * haftied the laft breath of the once hoped-for *Prince*, as from him that muft notoriously know * * that his fathers Empire and Gouernment, was but as the *Poeticall Furie in a Stage-action*, compleat yet with horrid and wofull Tragedies: a firft, but no fecond to any *Hamlet*; and that now *Reuenge*, iuft *Reuenge* was comming with his Sworde drawne againft him, his royall Mother, and deareft Sifter, to fill up thofe Murdering Sceanes.

Voiage and Entertainment in Ruffia. With the tragicall ends of two Emperors, and one Empreffe, within one moneth during his being there: And the miraculous prefervation of the now reigning Emperor, eſteemed dead for 18 yeares. 1605. Sign. K.

THOMAS DEKKER, 1609.

[In his account of the Gipsies and their thefts, and killing of ſheep, pigs, and poultry].—

The bloody tragedies of al theſe, are only acted by y^e Women * * The Stage is ſome large Heath, or a Firre buſh Common, far from any houſes: Upon which caſting them-felues into a Ring, they incloſe the Murdered, till the Maſſacre be finiſhed. If any paſſenger come by, and wondring to ſee ſuch a conjuring circle kept by Hel-houndes, demaund what ſpirits they raiſe there? one of the Murderers ſteps to him, poyſons him with ſweete wordes and ſhifts him off, with this lye, y^t one of the women is falſe in labour. But if any mad Hamlet hearing this, ſmell villanie, & ruſh in by violence to ſee what the tawny Divels are dooing, then they excuſe the fact, &c.

Lanthorne and Candle light. Or, The Bell-Mans ſecond Nights-Walke. Sign. H 2.

* SAMUEL ROWLANDS, 1620.

I will not cry *Hamlet Revenge* my greeves,
But I will call *Hang-man Revenge* on theeves.

The Night-Raven. Sign. D 2.

[These three allusions were classed in Dr. Ingleby's first edition as "irrelevant," or mistaken. But it seems to me that considering their dates, it is open to doubt whether they do not as likely refer to Shakespere's play as to the older *Hamlet*, and that therefore they are of sufficient interest to warrant my printing the extracts in full. Our authorities for the existence of the pre-Shakesperian play of *Hamlet* are Nash's *Epistle* prefixed to Green's *Menaphon* (referred to in Appendix A, p. 421), and Lodge's *Wife's Miserie* (see before, p. 294). Professor Dowden, agreeing with me that there is no sufficient reason for setting down the above three passages decidedly as mistaken references, or for deciding that they refer to the old *Hamlet*, remarks upon the latter, — "I think, considering the probable date of the old *Hamlet*, and the remarkable impression apparently made by the ghost crying 'Revenge,' that it is not unlikely to have been a bloody drama in which the central *motif* was revenge, and that the Hamlet of that old play was a close kinsman of the Hamlet of the *Historie* [of 1608, translated from Belleforest's *Histoires Tragiques*], capable of all kinds of vigorous action. In the old play he probably assumed his antic disposition manifestly for a purpose" (*Private letter*). He therefore thinks it possible, though not certain, that the two "revenge" passages above given may be connected with the old play. L. T. S.]

Anonymous, about 1613.

All yow that pleafe to understand,
 Come liften to my storye,
 To see Death with his rakeing brande
 'Mongft such an auditorye :
 Regarding neither Cardinall's might,
 Nor yet the rugged face of Henry the eight.

*A Sonnett upon the Pittifull Burning of the Globe Play House
 in London. Second Stanza. First printed by Mr. Haslewood
 in the Gentleman's Magazine, Vol. 86, p. 114. Reprinted in
 W. C. Hazlitt's Roxburghe Library, The English Drama
 and Stage, 1869, p. 225.*

[See the Letter from Thomas Lorkins, before, p. 102, as to the burning of
 the Globe Theatre, which took place on 29 June, 1613. L. T. S.]

GEFFRAY MYNSHUL, 1617.

[Addressing a creditor].—

If nothing will make thy stony heart relent, thou in being cruell to thy debtor art worse then the hang-man; * * But it may be thy estate is sicke, thy credit much ingaged, and to save thy selfe thou art forced to doe this. In so doing thou doest well; if another weare thy coate, and thou goest cold, thou maist plucke it from his shoulders. * * but if he which hath borrowed thy coate hath worne it out, and hath not a ragge to cover him with, wilt thou trample vpon his naked body? If with the Jew of Malta, instead of coyne, thou requirest a pound of flesh next to thy debtor's heart, wilt thou cut him in pieces?

Essayes and Characters of a Prison and Prisoners. Of Creditors.
1618. Reprint, Edinburgh, 1821, pp. 30, 31.

[Mynshul wrote his Essayes while confined in the King's Bench Prison for debt, where he filled up his idle time by acute observations on the characters of those around him: he gives a melancholy picture of the miseries of unfortunate debtors in the seventeenth century. He seems to have confounded Marlowe's Jew of Malta with Shakespere in his memory, but the mention of the pound of flesh shows that it was Shylock to whom he referred.

The "Epistle Dedicatory" is dated 27 January, 1617. L. T. S.]

NICHOLAS BRETON, died 1624.

The chattering Pie, the Jay, and eke the Quaile,
The Thruffle-Cock that was so blacke of hewe.

The Arbor of Amorous Devises, 1597, p. 4, col. 2.

the gentlemans brains were much troubled, as you may see by his perplexities; but with studying how to make one line leuell with another, in more rime then perhaps some will thinke reason, with much adoe about nothing, hee hath made a piece of worke as little worth

Melancholike Humours: 1600. To the Reader, p. 5.

Master Wyldgoose, it is not your huftie tuftie can make mee afraid of your bigge lookes: for I saw the Play of Ancient Pistoll, where a Cracking Coward was well cudgeld for his knavery: your railing is so neare the Rascall, that I am almost ashamed to bestow so good a name as the Rogue on you.

A Poste with a Packet of Mad Letters (Part I. 1603). [No. 22, A "coy Dam's" answer to a "Letter of scorne."] p. 11, col. 2.

Grimello. Why fir, I fet no springs for Woodcocks, and though I be no great wise man, yet I can doe something else, then shooe the Goose for my liuing: and therefore, I pray you neither feare your Purse, nor play too much with my folly.

Grimello's Fortunes, 1604, p. 5, col. 1.

An vnlearned and vnworthily called a Lawyer, is the figure of a foot-post, who carries letters but knowes not what is in them, only can read the superscriptions to direct them to their right owners. * * But what a taking are poore clients in when this

too much trusted cunning companion, better redde in Pierce Plowman then in Ploydon and in the Play of Richard the Third then in the Pleas of Edward the Fourth; perfwades them all is sure when hee is sure of all!

The Good and the Badde, 1616, No. 19, An Vnworthy Lawyer.

The Complete Works in Prose and Verse of Nicholas Breton.
Rev. A. B. Grosart's Chertsey Worthies' Library, 1876-1878.

[In the third of the above extracts, Breton turns to good account the "swaggering rascal" of *Second Part of Henry IV*; in the fourth we have Polonius' contemptuous exclamation (*Hamlet*, Act I. Sc. iii. l. 115); in the first a line of Bottom's song in the *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act III. Sc. i. l. 128. The others seem to name two of Shakespere's plays. The Rev. Dr. Grosart, who kindly points out these allusions, believes that Breton's works contain many words and phrases which bear the mark of Shakespere's influence. L. T. S.]

JOHN SWAN, 1635.

I conclude ; and with him who writeth thus, cannot but
fay,

Oh mickle is the pow'rfull good that lies
In herbs, trees, stones, and their true qualities ;
For nought so vile that on the earth doth live,
But to the earth some secret good doth give.
And nought so rich on either rock or shelf,
But, if unknown, lies uselesse to it self.
Therefore who thus doth make their secrets known,
Doth profit others, and not hurt his own.

*Speculum Mundi. Or A glasse representing the face of the
world. Cambridge, 1635, p. 299.*

[Swan's work, a prose one, is somewhat on the plan of the first week of Du Bartas' Divine Weeks, and is a kind of epitome of the natural science of the day. He concludes that part of the "third day's work" which relates to precious stones, with these four lines quoted from Friar Laurence's speech, *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II. Sc. iii. l. 15. The last four lines appear to have been added by himself. Swan has "good" instead of Shakespere's "grace" in the first line, "trees" for "plapts" in the second, and "secret" for "special" in the fourth.

The quotation was pointed out by Mr. C. E. Browne in the *Athenaeum*, 22 May, 1875. L. T. S.]

* JOHN MILTON, 1627.

Seu puer infelix indelibata reliquit
 Gaudia, & abrupto flendus amore cadit,
 Seu ferus e tenebris iterat Styga criminis ultor,
 Confcia funereo peçtora torre movens.

*Elegia prima ad Carolum Diodatum.
 Elegiarum Liber primus. Poems of
 Mr. John Milton, both English and
 Latin, compos'd at several times.
 1645. p. 13 of second paging.*

[Warton, in his edition of Milton's Poems, 1791, p. 425, points out that Milton, describing tragedy on the stage, perhaps intends *Romeo* in the first couplet here given; and either *Hamlet* or *Richard the Third* in the second. Warton, however, confesses that the allusions are loose and do not exactly correspond. Dr. Ingleby sends the passage for insertion. Cowper thus renders these lines:—

“As when from bliss untasted torn away,
 Some youth dies, hapless, on his bridal day,
 Or when the ghost, sent back from shades below,
 Fills the assassin's heart with vengeful woe.”

*Latin and Italian Poems of Milton, translated
 into English Verse, 4to. 1808. p. 11.*

L. T. S.]

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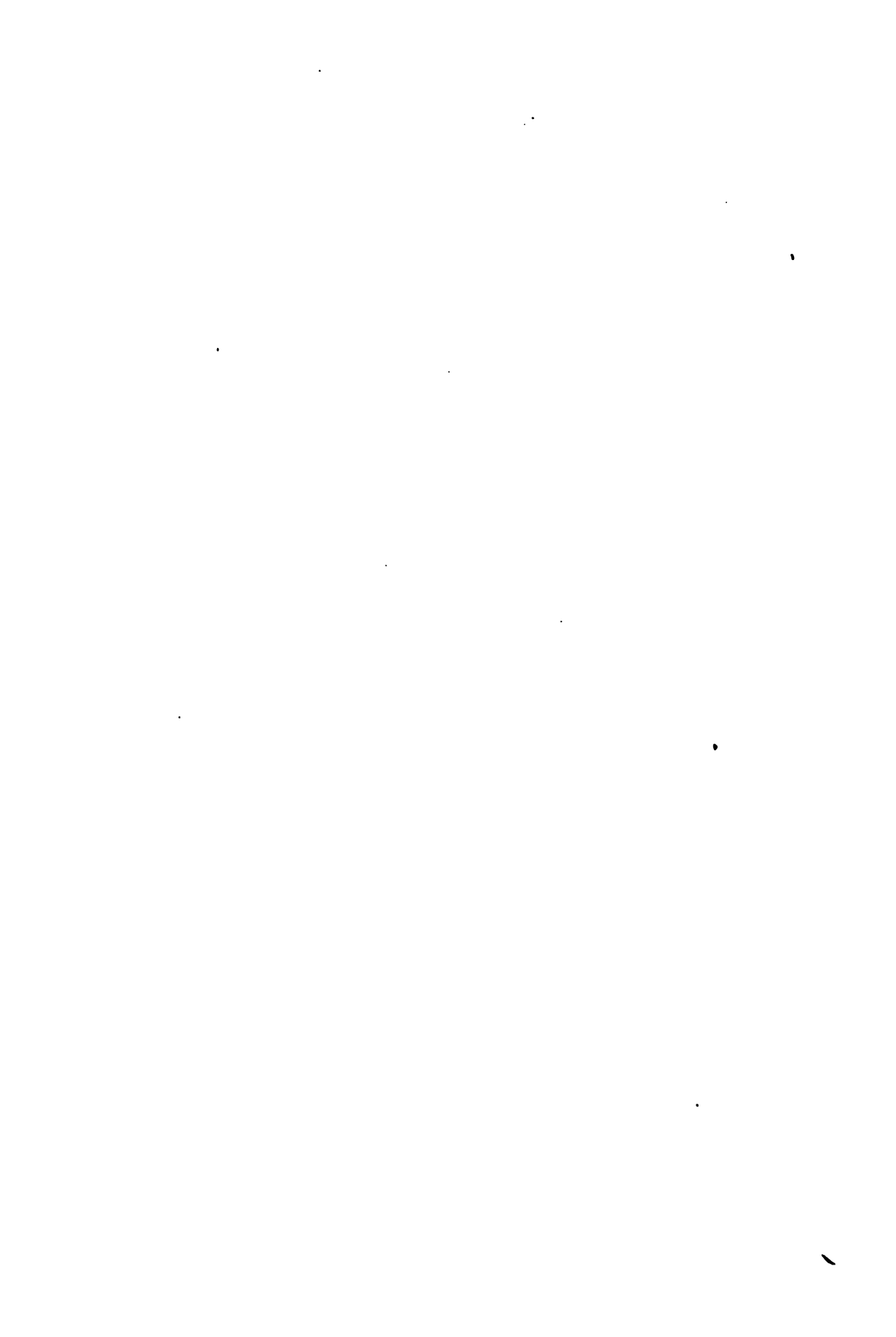
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